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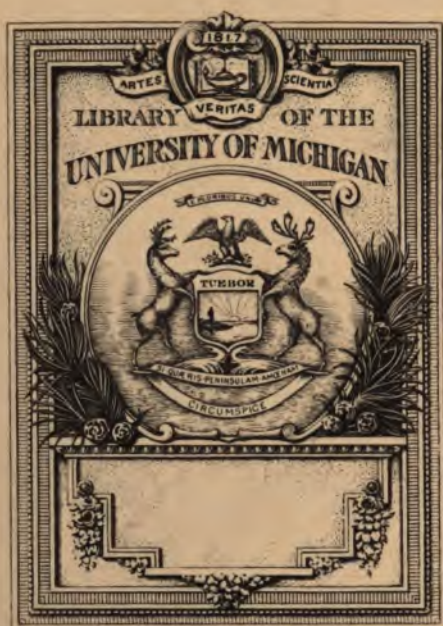
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OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1897.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Aaron T. Bliss, Post 90, - - - Saginaw, W. S.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

L. Wells Sprague, Post 83, - - - Greenville.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

"Ren" Barker, Post 198, - - - Reed City.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Jas. R. Stephenson, Post 5, - - - Grand Rapids.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Rev. William Judd, Post 252, - - - Howard City.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL.

C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, - - - Lansing.

JUDGE ADVOCATE.

William G. Gage, Post 38, - - - Saginaw, E. S.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

James H. Baker, Post 42, . - - Lansing.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

R. A. Parker, Post 17, - - - - Detroit.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

Wm. S. Green, Post 384, - - - - Detroit.

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP.

N. S. Wood, Post 90, - - - - Saginaw, W. S.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Chas. E. Foote, Post 79, - - - - Kalamazoo.

Elisha H. Davis, Post 162, - - - - Detroit.

Frank Whipple, Post 98, - - - - Port Huron.

Thomas Keyes, Post 211, - - - - Ionia.

James A. Green, Post 67, - - - - Bay City.

**DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE THIRTY-FIRST
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 23-28, 1897.**

DELEGATES.

1.	E. B. Fenton (at large), Post 384,	-	-	Detroit.
2.	W. C. Claxton, Post 17,	-	-	Detroit.
3.	William Jibb, Post 45,	-	-	Adrian.
4.	M. A. Merrifield, Post 88,	-	-	Union City.
5.	Edwin Ruthruff, Post 19.	-	-	Bangor.
6.	Chas. F. Sears, Post 237,	-	-	Rockford.
7.	James M. Greenfield, Post 89.	-	-	Flushing.
8.	J. D. Kenney, Post 98,	-	-	Port Huron.
9.	M. C. Dawes, Post 205,	-	-	Owosso.
10.	Albro Enos, Post 337,	-	-	Ravenna.
11.	Geo. H. Keating, Post 67,	-	-	Bay City.
12.	Augustus Wilcox, Post 141,	-	-	Lake View.
13.	Michael Dorochoer, Post 266,	-	-	Menominee.
14.	Sam'l J. Lawrence, Post 413,	-	-	Wyandotte.
15.	Joseph B. Griswold, Post 5,	-	-	Grand Rapids.
16.	Charles L. Brundage, Post 7,	-	-	Muskegon.
17.	Chas. H. Morse, Post 173,	-	-	Lansing.

ALTERNATES.

1.	E. D. Sargent (at large), Post 130,	-	-	Howell.
2.	John T. McCurdy, Post 433,	-	-	Detroit.
3.	Samuel R. Kingsley, Post 261,	-	-	Romulus.
4.	L. B. Wolcott, Post 6,	-	-	Hillsdale.
5.	Jas. N. Colleston, Post 125,	-	-	Hastings.
6.	Wilson Jones, Post 5,	-	-	Grand Rapids.
7.	Henry H. Collins, Post 120,	-	-	Howell.
8.	William Baird, Post 229,	-	-	Marine City.
9.	Alison Bryant, Post 255,	-	-	Mayville.
10.	W. H. Herbert, Post 201,	-	-	Manistee.
11.	Robert Calhoun, Post 419.	-	-	Bay City.
12.	Marcus A. Lafler, Post 97,	-	-	Hersey.
13.	E. P. Barnard, Post 266,	-	-	Detroit.
14.	Jeremiah Dugan, Post 34,	-	-	Otsego.
15.	Jno. R. Clark, Post 224,	-	-	Cheboygan.
16.	W. D. Brainerd, Post 111,	-	-	Eaton Rapids.
17.	W. E. Best, Post 304,	-	-	North Branch.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, . }
LANSING, APRIL 8, 1897. }

TO THE HON. HAZEN S. PINGREE, Governor of the State
of Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor, in compliance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved February 11, 1897, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department, during my administration as its Commander, from April 1, 1896, to April 8, 1897, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

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OF THE
NINETEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN. }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
GREENVILLE, April 7, 1897. }

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its Nineteenth Annual Encampment at Phelps Opera House at 10:30 a. m. today, and was opened in due form by Department Commander William Shakespeare.

Prayer was offered by the Department Chaplain.

The Department Commander—The Encampment is now open for business. The rules governing the National Encampment will prevail at this Encampment, if there is no objection. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Assistant Adjutant General then called the roll of Department officers, and as many of the posts as

would constitute a quorum, and announced a quorum present.

The Committee on Credentials, consisting of the Assistant Adjutant General and Comrades Spaulding of Post 20, Allen of Post 79, reported that they had checked on the credentials roll, and issued delegates' badges to the following named comrades, and asked that the roll as prepared be accepted as the authoritative membership roll of this Encampment.

The Department Commander—Unless objection is made the report of the committee will be adopted.

The following is the

ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

PRESENT.

Department Commander—William Shakespeare,	-	Kalamazoo
J. V. Dep't Commander—Joseph O. Bellaire,	-	Grand Rapids
Chaplain—Joseph S. Preston,	- - - - -	Lyons

OFFICIAL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Ass't Adj't General—C. V. R. Pond,	- - - - -	Lansing
Ass't Q. M. General—C. E. Foote,	- - - - -	Kalamazoo
Inspector—R. W. Jacklin,	- - - - -	Detroit
Judge Advocate—Roscoe D. Dix,	- - - - -	Berrien Springs

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

W. E. Hamilton,	-	St. Johns	J. S. Green,	-	Bay City
H. S. White,	- - -	Romeo	N. M. Richardson,	-	Caro

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Wm. Humphrey,	-	Adrian	John Northwood,	-	New Lathrop
Oscar A. Janes,	-	Hillsdale	Michael Brown,	-	Big Rapids
Washington Gardner,	-	Albion	James H. Kidd,	-	Ionia
Charles D. Long,	-	Lansing	Louis Kanitz,	-	Muskegon
S. B. Daboll,	-	-	-	-	St. Johns.

Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home. Post Commander, R. O. Marra;
Representative, J. M. Heims; Past Post Commander, W. W. Fowler.

" 2, Quincy. Representative, L. D. Reynolds.

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- Post No. 5, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, W. A. Palmer; Representatives, Wilson Jones, Edwin Went, S. M. Kent; Alternate, J. B. Griswold; Past Post Commanders, Geo. E. Judd, W. D. Frost, Edward Racine, C. P. Coffin, A. M. Apted, C. W. Dipple, J. R. Stephenson, E. H. Cummings.
- " 6, Hillsdale. Representatives, L. Wolcutt, John Burgess.
- " 7, Muskegon. Post Commander, J. W. Fayer; Representatives, M. Huddleston, R. E. Crotty, G. Neinamann; Past Post Commanders, W. F. Wiselogle, J. G. Alport, W. R. Jones, John Sturgeon.
- " 10, Dundee. Representative, William Lafer; Past Post Commander, R. B. Davis.
- " 11, Bancroft. Representative, Henry Williams.
- " 13, Harbor Springs. Past Post Commander, G. W. Dickinson.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Past Post Commander, John Seel.
- " 15, Ludington. Representative, John Woods; Past Post Commander, William G. Hudson.
- " 16, Evart. Representative, W. J. Manley.
- " 17, Detroit. Post Commander, William Hart; Representatives, R. A. Parker, D. S. Kimball, H. B. White, W. H. Fisher; Alternates, Henry Egge-man, B. F. Shillberg, O. D. Kingsley, J. D. Elderk-in, Seth W. Hoag, Charles E. Wilcox, S. South-wick, F. R. Bruner; Past Post Commanders, W. P. Sumner, A. L. Patrick, William Davey, Wil-liam C. Claxton.
- " 19, Bangor. Post Commander, Edwin Ruthruff; Rep-resentatives, P. Harvey, Elias Stevens; Past Post Commander, C. C. Phillips.
- " 20, Hartford. Past Post Commanders, Henry Spauld- ing, George F. Collett.
- " 21, St. Joseph. Representative, F. Morelock; Past Post Commanders, G. W. Doane, J. E. L. Miller.
- " 24, Fenton. Representative, A. Andrews; Past Post Commander, E. F. Winter.
- " 26, Hart. Post Commander, W. E. Thorpe; Repre- sentative, S. S. Branch.
- " 28, Hemlock. Post Commander, T. M. Champlin; Representative, A. T. Cooper.
- " 29, Grand Rapids. Alternate, William Koch; Past Post Commanders, Hiram Madden, Eber Rice.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Alternate, Miles Whitford; Past Post Commanders, H. A. Chapin, H. J. Loveland.
- " 32, Battle Creek. Post Commander, C. H. Canfield; Representatives, H. B. Hayes, C. E. Manchester.
- " 34, Otsego. Representative, Jeremiah Dugan.
- " 35, South Haven. Representative, O. F. Dean.
- " 36, Berrien Centre. Past Post Commander, R. Ten- Broeck.

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- Post No. 37, Stanton. Post Commander, T. S. Finch; Alternate, B. B. Clark; Past Post Commanders, H. H. Hinds, H. V. Hallett, Jesse S. Holcomb.
- " 38, Saginaw. Post Commander, Robert Dederich; Representative, William A. Quimby; Alternate, Alex. D. Kelley; Past Post Commanders, William G. Gage, W. W. Morgan, Fay Wyckoff, C. T. Schuettler.
- " 40, Charlotte. Post Commander, T. J. Snow; Representatives, George E. Woodbury, S. W. Harmon; Past Post Commanders, William Beekman, William Jordan.
- " 42, Lansing. Post Commander, James H. Baker; Past Post Commanders, A. E. Cowles, A. S. Shattuck, W. W. Cook, F. Schneider.
- " 43, Blissfield. Past Post Commander, William Ten Eyck.
- " 45, Adrian. Post Commander, R. H. Baker; Representative, L. O. Salisbury; Past Post Commanders, B. F. Graves, William Jibb.
- " 46, Ganges. Representative, H. C. Dow; Past Post Commander, J. L. Jerm.
- " 48, Jackson. Past Post Commanders, A. Dunham, H. D. Welling.
- " 50, Coral. Past Post Commanders, Alvin Davis, E. J. Blanding, L. L. Church.
- " 53, Mason. Representative, S. C. Parker.
- " 55, Armada. Post Commander, Amos Finch; Representative, H. G. Sperry.
- " 57, Marcellus. Representative, N. W. Holcomb; Past Post Commander, B. F. Groner.
- " 58, Dewitt. Past Post Commander, Edward Case.
- " 61, Gaylord. Past Post Commander, E. S. Dickenson.
- " 62, Cedar Springs. Representative, John Plumb; Past Post Commanders, Milo Mulford, Daniel G. Dove.
- " 67, Bay City. Representatives, John Snider, George Keating.
- " 69, Midland. Representative, O. A. Purchase.
- " 74, Wayland. Representative, J. B. Manley.
- " 77, Sherman. Post Commander, A. B. Martin.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Post Commander, P. H. Burke; Representatives, J. W. Allen, A. J. Carson; Past Post Commander, George M. Buck.
- " 80, Hopkins Station. Post Commander, John Hoffmaster; Alternate, R. L. Taylor.
- " 81, Entrican. Post Commander, A. A. Wooley; Alternate, Jerome Pintler; Past Post Commander, J. F. Savage.
- " 83, Greenville. Post Commander, A. H. Tibbitts; Representatives, N. P. Barlow, P. H. Sanderson; Past Post Commanders, L. W. Sprague, John Avery, C. F. Morgan, E. F. Grabill, D. Judd, R. H. Gibson, A. H. Bennett, O. W. Green, E. W. Blanchard, C. N. Herriman, A. J. Cole.

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- Post No. 84, Kalkaska. Past Post Commander, C. H. DuPuy.
- " 87, Lowell. Post Commander, Benjamin Morse; Representative, A. J. Painter; Past Post Commanders, S. P. Hicks, William H. Eddy.
- " 88, Union City. Representative, S. J. Osborn; Past Post Commanders, M. A. Merrifield, John M. Wheeler.
- " 89, Flushing. Post Commander, W. H. J. Martin; Representative, A. D. Olmsted, Past Post Commanders, J. M. Greenfield, W. H. Davis, James Armstrong.
- " 90, Saginaw. Post Commander, N. S. Wood; Alternates, John Ph. Schwahn, C. P. Burdick; Past Post Commanders, O. T. Mosier, A. T. Bliss, Charles D. Little, Fred Wellington, H. B. Kinsey.
- " 91, St. Louis. Post Commander, L. L. Cornell; Representative, O. J. Moon; Past Post Commander, John Shelt.
- " 93, Webberville. Post Commander, Charles Turrell; Representative, B. F. Crossley.
- " 97, Hersey. Post Commander, W. D. Lovell; Past Post Commanders, B. F. Gooch, M. A. Lafler.
- " 98, Port Huron. Post Commander, L. A. Sherman; Representatives, J. D. Kenney, S. V. Jones; Past Post Commander, J. W. Burns.
- " 100, Lyons. Post Commander, T. A. Steadman; Representative, C. Sadler.
- " 101, Ithaca. Representative, G. W. Todd; Past Post Commanders, James Donaldson, N. M. Bowen.
- " 103, Williamston. Post Commander, A. M. Foote.
- " 104, Ovid. Representative, H. D. Treat; Past Post Commanders, William G. Hunter, Luther Stone.
- " 105, Tekousha. Past Post Commander, M. Doolittle.
- " 107, Dimondale. Alternate, Abram Moser.
- " 108, Grand Ledge. Representative, William Field; Past Post Commanders, R. E. Worden, D. G. Kennedy, B. F. Sanborn.
- " 109, Coldwater. Representative, George A. Russell.
- " 111, Eaton Rapids. Representatives, J. J. Holmes, John Rank, W. D. Brainerd; Past Post Commander, George W. Norton.
- " 112, Mulliken. Post Commander, L. D. Fisher.
- " 116, Gaines. Representative, William Jewell.
- " 117, Byron. Post Commander, L. C. Kanouse; Past Post Commanders, G. Ladue, A. Graves.
- " 120, Howell. Post Commander, John McGiveny; Representative, M. W. Bullock; Past Post Commanders, George W. Axtell, H. H. Collins, R. E. Parshall, Asa Parshall.
- " 125, Hastings. Past Post Commander, J. N. Collesier.
- " 126, Belding. Post Commander, E. R. Berry; Representative, Matthew Kohn; Past Post Commanders, B. F. Tower, Z. W. Gooding, C. M. Slayton, F. R. Chase.

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- Post No. 127, Maple Rapids. Alternate, James Anderson.
 " 128, Hawkins. Alternate, Spencer Fradenburg.
 " 129, Fowler. Past Post Commanders, W. L. Mundell,
 William M. Youngs, Jesse Everitt.
 " 130, Edmore. Representative, Frank Hyde; Past Post
 Commander, Hiram Sackett.
 " 131, Colon. Representative, H. H. Ward.
 " 132, Portland. Alternate, H. C. Glins; Past Post Com-
 manders, H. W. Holcomb, Henry Kaley.
 " 133, Newaygo. Past Post Commander, S. D. Thomp-
 son.
 " 134, Mt. Morris. Representative, George W. Clute.
 " 136, Nunica. Past Post Commander, O. A. Jubb.
 " 137, Ann Arbor. Representative, Conrad Noll.
 " 141, Lakeview. Post Commander, W. O. Ridlack; Rep-
 resentative, C. S. Vining; Past Post Commanders,
 B. S. Vest, L. Rossman, Aug. Wilcox.
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 " 145, Flint. Post Commander, James H. Failing; Rep-
 resentatives, J. W. Begg, J. H. Cary; Alternate,
 James Hempstead.
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 Commanders, W. S. Turck, E. M. Chadwick.
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 " 156, St. Johns. Post Commander, J. W. Bradner; Rep-
 resentative, J. E. Stone; Alternate, W. N. Stocker;
 Past Post Commander, H. S. Hart.
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 " 158, Elm Hall. Representative, George Rockafellow;
 Past Post Commander, C. M. Guild.
 " 159, Middleville. Representative, O. Thomas.
 " 160, Corunna. Post Commander, J. C. Thomas; Rep-
 resentative, George D. Moreau; Past Post Com-
 manders, O. F. Wilkinson, William E. Jacobs, C.
 B. Pelton.
 " 161, Blanchard. Post Commander, Frank Hyde.
 " 162, Detroit. Post Commander, E. H. Davis; Repre-
 sentative, C. Engle.
 " 166, Marshall. Post Commander, H. H. Benjamin.
 " 167, Elsie. Representative, A. B. Way.
 " 168, Maple City. Representative, J. W. Dickerman.
 " 170, Petoskey. Past Post Commander, J. C. Bontecou.
 " 172, North Star. Post Commander, John B. Zarbaugh.
 " 173, Carson City. Post Commander, George W. Gar-
 ner; Representative, John McCuaig; Past Post
 Commanders, Charles H. Morse, Alex. McCuaig,
 J. F. Fillmore, George M. Thomas, Samuel J.
 Smith, George D. VanDusen, Delbert Meloy.
 " 176, Stanton. Post Commander, Asa Morse; Past Post
 Commander, T. T. Stevens, H. M. Hempstead.
 " 177, Capac. Representative, W. H. Morgan.
 " 178, Sheridan. Post Commander, George Sauer; Rep-
 resentative, John W. Prestel; Past Post Com-
 mander, Samuel Sage.

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- Post No. 179, Brighton. Post Commander, W. W. Pentlin; Representative, S. A. Smith; Past Post Commander, J. E. Placeway.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Representative, M. VanTassel; Past Post Commander, J. T. Wise.
- " 181, Milford. Representative, Anthony Palmer.
- " 182, Fremont. Representative, William Harmon.
- " 186, Otisville. Past Post Commander, Charles Moon.
- " 188, Hadley. Representative, N. N. Green.
- " 190, Birch Run. Past Post Commander, V. B. Rottiers.
- " 196, Lawton. Representative, Harvey Harper.
- " 197, Ortonville. Representative, C. M. Perry.
- " 198, Reed City. Past Post Commanders, G. H. Gilbert, "Ren" Barker.
- " 200, Carleton. Past Post Commander, H. D. Smith.
- " 201, Manistee. Post Commander, W. H. Herbert.
- " 202, Romeo. Representative, E. R. Sanderson; Past Post Commander, O. S. Perry.
- " 203, Stockbridge. Post Commander, A. G. Miller.
- " 205, Owosso. Past Post Commanders, M. C. Dawes, H. C. Frieske, Charles Freeman.
- " 211, Ionia. Post Commander, William J. Just; Representatives, Justus Beadle, Harmon Smith; Past Post Commanders, Thomas H. Keyes, M. M. Carrier.
- " 224, Cheboygan. Representative, John R. Clark.
- " 229, Marine City. Post Commander, William Baird; Representative, Stephen Rose.
- " 233, Wales. Representative, William Smith.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Alternate, C. R. Proctor.
- " 235, Boyne City. Representative, W. E. Morris.
- " 237, Rockford. Past Post Commander, C. F. Sears.
- " 238, Coopersville. Representative, W. R. Barrett.
- " 239, Concord. Representative, C. C. King; Past Post Commander, R. H. Halsted.
- " 242, Athens. Representative, Henry Koehlar.
- " 243, Sparta. Post Commander, Aug. Grawn; Alternate, Welcome Evans.
- " 246, Boyne Falls. Past Post Commander, William Mears.
- " 247, Harvard. Post Commander, John W. Finch; Representative, P. T. Stocking; Past Post Commanders, H. E. Rowley, George Crawford, James Hough, J. R. Ransley.
- " 250, Mt. Pleasant. Representative, James W. Long; Past Post Commanders, John A. Harris, W. Churchill.
- " 252, Howard City. Post Commander, George M. Doty; Representative, William Judd; Past Post Commander, O. C. Ladue.
- " 255, Mayville. Past Post Commander, A. L. Bryant.
- " 261, Wayne. Post Commander, S. R. Kingsley, Jr.; Representative, R. C. Bird.

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- Post No. 262, Holland. Post Commander, D. B. K. VanRaalte; Representative, P. H. McBride.
- " 266, Menominee. Representative, M. Durocher; Past Post Commanders, E. P. Barnard, J. A. Crozier.
- " 269, Plainwell. Representative, O. Tomlinson; Past Post Commander, John Madden.
- " 272, Chase. Past Post Commander, C. A. Randall.
- " 276, Ada. Representative, A. D. Lamoreaux; Past Post Commanders, Charles Holt, W. F. Dickerson.
- " 281, Petersburg. Alternate, A. C. Johnson.
- " 285, Tustin. Representative, R. H. Jones.
- " 294, Big Rapids. Post Commander, George W. Crawford; Representative, D. E. Stearns; Past Post Commander, W. A. Whitney.
- " 296, Caledonia. Alternate, A. C. Hill.
- " 300, Marquette. Past Post Commander, E. C. Anthony.
- " 302, Byron Center. Representative, A. A. Palmer.
- " 304, Clifford. Post Commander, William E. Best.
- " 305, Fenwick. Post Commander, S. G. Wheaton; Representative, G. W. Brown.
- " 306, Casnovia. Past Post Commander, J. W. Hallock.
- " 307, Saginaw, E. S. Post Commander, V. D. Starr; Representatives, Thomas W. McKee, Henry Howe.
- " 317, Mattawan. Post Commander, M. O. Joiner.
- " 323, Ashley. Representative, William S. Sharpe.
- " 324, Crystal. Post Commander, Chauncey Pickell; Alternate, William Rogers; Past Post Commander, M. A. Lascelle.
- " 327, Trufant. Representative, A. T. Huyck.
- " 329, Sumner. Past Post Commander, C. E. Prine.
- " 334, Freeport. Post Commander, H. F. Snider.
- " 337, Ravenna. Post Commander, George Zimmerman; Past Post Commander, Albro Enos.
- " 339, Clare. Representative, G. T. Converse.
- " 347, Breckenridge. Past Post Commander, John Schmidt.
- " 354, Palo. Post Commander, C. Talcott; Past Post Commanders, Charles North, B. Everest.
- " 357, Gagetown. Past Post Commanders, William Proudfoot, William Gage.
- " 366, White Cloud. Representative, S. P. Barnhard.
- " 368, Reese. Representative, C. Buetow.
- " 375, Saginaw, E. S. Post Commander, T. T. Hubbard; Alternate, L. Newelten; Past Post Commanders, D. K. Halsey, J. S. Rouse.
- " 382, Lake Odessa. Post Commander, W. Lovewell; Representative, P. J. Fellows; Past Post Commanders, S. H. Mallory, J. E. Davis.
- " 383, Martin. Representative, D. O. Brown.
- " 384, Detroit. Post Commander, William T. Gage; Representative, E. B. Fenton; Alternates, Joseph S. Kean, A. E. Bigelow; Past Post Commanders, George H. Hopkins, Charles Dupont, Robert Gibbons.

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- Post No. 386, Farwell. Representative, J. H. Wood.
 " 392, Ransom. Post Commander, William H. H. Pettit;
 Representative, Edwin Camp; Past Post Com-
 mander, P. W. Hamilton.
 " 395, Grand Rapids. Representative, Joseph McKee;
 Past Post Commander, W. T. Johnston.
 " 402, Akron. Representative, William R. Woodman.
 " 404, Nankin. Representative, H. D. Bassett.
 " 405, Perrinton. Past Post Commander, William J.
 Pendell.
 " 408, Grand Rapids. Representative, Ebenezer Child.
 " 413, Wyandotte. Past Post Commander, Samuel J.
 Lawrence.
 " 416, Brooklyn. Representative, G. L. Worthington.
 " 419, Bay City. Representative, George W. Chamber-
 lain.
 " 425, Freeland. Representative, William L. McNitt.
 " 430, Burt. Post Commander, Thomas Boodger; Alter-
 nate, J. S. Phillips.
 " 433, Detroit. Post Commander, M. V. B. Lake; Repre-
 sentative, J. McC. Miller; Past Post Commander,
 J. T. McCurdy.
 " 434, McBrides. Representative, George Carpenter.

Department Officers	11
Past Department Commanders.....	9
Post Commanders	68
Representatives	132
Alternates	32
Past Post Commanders.....	192
Total	444

The Junior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—The Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan brings my official duties to a close and selects another pilot to steer our bark down the river of time. Only a few years more, and the Haven will have been reached, and we will all have reached the rest that so many of our comrades now enjoy.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of Posts in good standing Jan. 1, 1896, as reported by my predecessor.....	373
Members in good standing.....	16,766
On suspended list.....	4,253

Total membership Jan. 1, 1896.....	<u>21,010</u>
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Number of Posts in good standing Jan. 1, 1897.....	382
Number of members in good standing.....	16,096
On suspended list.....	3,706

Total membership Jan. 1, 1897.....	<u>19,802</u>
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Suspended members dropped during the year.....	1,440
Reinstated during the year.....	866
Died during the year.....	343
Suspended members during the year.....	1,308
Charters surrendered during the year.....	4
Charters granted	7
Posts reinstated	7
A gain in Posts to date of.....	19

It is to be hoped that members long in arrears and suspended may be dropped from the rolls, as a dropped member can be reinstated by payment of one year's dues by a majority vote of the Post, while a suspended member must pay all arrears.

The death report only covers those in good standing. Undoubtedly many deaths among the dropped and suspended members are not reported.

The death loss in the G. A. R. as reported by the Commander-in-Chief at St. Paul, amounted to 7,293, in 1896.

FINANCES.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General show our finances to be in good condition, and report the receipts and expenditures in detail.

The Alger fund received by the Assistant Quartermaster General from his predecessor amounted to \$722.92. Interest received at seven per cent. one year, \$50.61—\$773.53 total.

MEMORIAL DAY.

For details of number of graves decorated, and services performed on Memorial Day, I beg to refer you to the very full report of the Department Chaplain.

According to that report, over eight hundred more graves of comrades were decorated than were there comrades who united in the services of the day. This cannot help but remind us that the graves will increase and the comrades will decrease, until none will be left who can say "there lies my comrade."

That Memorial Day, the great National day of mourning, is our day, and is held sacred by our order, is a sufficient reason why it should not be given over to fun and jollity by any portion of our citizens.

PENSIONS.

In my opinion, the time has come when the efforts of the G. A. R. should be directed to the passage of a law providing for a service pension. The present laws are of great value, and doing great good, but the time has come when the fact of service should be all the evidence required to entitle a comrade to a certificate.

It appears by Executive Order by the late Chief Magistrate of the United States, that a freak of pretended economy requires the discontinuance of the Detroit Pension agency, but by careful examination of the costs of

the change, it is believed that instead of being in the interests of economy, the order was issued for the purpose of building up a new and large agency at the home of the late Secretary of the Interior, and it was not done in the interests of the pensioner. And I am of the opinion that this Department should express its dissatisfaction with the order.

CONSOLIDATION OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OFFICES.

I heartily endorse the recommendation of the Assistant Adjutant General to consolidate both offices in one person.

RELIEF.

There was expended by Posts for relief, as shown by reports of Adjutants and Quartermasters, \$3,001.11. This, it is not at all presumable, covers the real expenditure. Many Posts make up purses for relief of which no record is made in their financial statements.

Four applications to solicit relief from the Posts of the Department have been made and denied.

VISITS TO POSTS.

During the year the Department Commander has visited twenty Posts in the lower peninsula, and in most of them found a gratifying interest shown. In June last, in company with the Assistant Adjutant General, I made a visit to the upper peninsula, and at a reunion of the Posts of that country, held at Crystal Falls, Iron County, met a large number of the comrades of the Department who organized the Soldiers and Sailors' Association of the Upper Peninsula. In making this trip I had the pleasure of shaking the hands of comrades representing fourteen Posts drawn up in line at the several stations passed. There is reason to believe that this trip was quite beneficial to the Department.

NEW POSTS.

No special effort has been made to organize new posts. Applications for seven charters have been received and

the Posts organized. The reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Chief Mustering Officer may be referred to for the details of this work.

OUTPOSTS.

At the Thirtieth National Encampment held at St. Paul, the Rules and Regulations were amended by adding an additional section to article 2, chapter 2, to be known as Section II, and to read as follows:

Section II. Departments may authorize posts to divide their membership into two classes, "Resident" and "Non-Resident" members, and fix the territorial limits within which each class shall reside. Non-resident members shall pay such dues, not less than the per capita tax to Department headquarters (including the tax to National headquarters), as the Post may direct.

Where a sufficient number of non-resident members are in any locality they may be organized as an Outpost, to be designated as "Outpost No. — of Post No. —, Department of —."

Each Outpost may annually elect from its own members a Sergeant to preside at meetings. Such meetings may be held at the home of any comrade, at the convenience of the members. The application of any person for non-resident membership in an Outpost shall be passed upon by the parent Post, and the Post Commander may in person, or by a suitable detail muster in such applicant, and for such purpose may at his option administer only the obligation of membership.

There is much in this section to command the attention of this Department. Minnesota has the plan in practice, and reports it a success. In counties where but one or two Posts exist, and where there is a population of veterans scattered too far from Posts-localities to make it practical for them to attend the meetings, and they therefore withhold from membership, I think the Outpost plan would be a good remedy. I suggest that this Encampment authorize the incoming administration to take measures to provide for Outposts where asked for.

PATRIOTIC AND MILITARY INSTRUCTIONS IN SCHOOLS.

Late in the month of December, 1896, Comrade Geo. M. Buck of Post No. 79 was, on the recommendation of the Department Commander, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief Aide on Military Instruction in the public schools of this Department. Immediately upon this appointment being made, Comrade Buck entered upon the work assigned him by selecting suitable active Assistant Aides in each of the larger cities of the Department, and in other ways setting influences in motion, which it is hoped will maintain an interest in this subject throughout the Department. A bill to promote and encourage military instruction in the public schools of this State has been introduced in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature, which bill, it is hoped, will become a law during the present session of the Legislature.

I would earnestly recommend that the comrades of the Department take an interest in this subject, bring it to the attention of the different educational authorities in the cities and towns, and endeavor to induce them to adopt some efficient system of military education for the boys in our public schools.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

In all the labor of the year the president and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps have been ready and willing to aid us in every way possible, and to them this Department owes a debt of gratitude. Without their aid many Posts would have been disbanded. God bless the women of the Relief Corps.

SONS OF VETERANS—THEIR OBJECT.

"To keep green the memories of their fathers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their

heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day.

To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all."

They should be encouraged.

THE THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic at St. Paul in September last, was very much larger than could have been expected, because of geographical location. The attendance from Michigan was most gratifying to the Department Commander, and the number from this Department in the grand parade far exceeded his expectations. The Upper Peninsula Comrades were in evidence at all times during the Encampment. The registration at Michigan Headquarters was larger than at any like gathering since that held at Washington. There is a great good to the veterans in thus coming together, and the meeting of tent mates for the first and possibly last time since the muster-out in '65 amply repays for sacrifices that may have been made to accomplish the meeting. I hope that all that can possibly do so, will attend the National gathering at Buffalo in August next.

LEGISLATION.

With the valuable aid of comrades in the Senate and House, there has been one bill of much interest to this Department passed by the present Legislature, and placed upon our statute books as law. It is known as "An act to provide permanent headquarters in the Capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the Commander." By this act the State bears the expense of printing the annual proceedings of the Department.

The Committee on Legislation, appointed by the Commander, have held a joint meeting with a similar committee of the W. R. C. and as a result have two bills before the legislature: one calling for an appropriation of \$3,000

to build a kitchen for the woman's annex to the Soldiers' Home; the other providing for representation by women on the Soldiers' Home Board of Managers.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

have been established in the Capitol at Lansing, and all the records are in place. To the Assistant Adjutant General great praise is due for the intelligent and systematic manner in which the records of the office are arranged. He has recovered from the drygoods boxes and other receptacles most valuable historical documents, and placed them at the disposal of the comrades and all citizens interested in the history of the Grand Army. The careful and systematic manner in which the Assistant Adjutant General has performed all his duties will be a blessing for all time, and deserves not only the thanks of the present Commander, but of each and every member of this Department. He has made a model Assistant Adjutant General, and I sever my official relations with him in sorrow, and wish that the comrades of the Department might know him as I do, and they would both love and respect him. No member of the order loves his comrades more. To the Assistant Adjutant General, and other officers of the Department, I tender my thanks for duties well done. On the election of my successor, I shall again return to the ranks of the order that I hold in my heart next to my family and my country.

The Chair—Comrades, you have heard the Department Commander's report. If there are no objections, the report will be referred to the following committee: Comrades Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269; R. H. Gibson, Post 83; Hiram Sackett, Post 130; Geo. A. Russell, Post 109; Aug. Wilcox, Post 141.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Assistant Adjutant General read his report, which was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 GREENVILLE, April 7, 1897. }

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the requirements of my office and in conformity with the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The semi-annual reports to National Headquarters were made in accord with the rules as follows:

TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 1896.			
	Posts.	Members.	
Remaining in good standing last term	373	16,766	
Gains.	Posts.	Members.	
By muster in		300	
By transfer		156	
By reinstatement		281	
From delinquent reports	4	72	
Total gain	4	789	
Aggregate	377	17,555	
Loss.	Posts.	Members.	
By death		182	
By honorable discharge		46	
By transfer		149	
By suspension		566	
By dishonorable discharge		1	
By delinquent reports	9	218	
By surrender of charter	1	17	
By error in last report	1	9	
Total loss	11	1,188	
Loss over gain for term	7	399	
Remaining in good standing June 30, 1896	366	16,367	

TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.			
	Posts.	Members.	
Gains.			
By muster in	6	278	
By transfer		104	
By reinstatement		251	
From delinquent reports	13	282	
Total gain	19	915	
Aggregate	385	17,282	
Loss.	Posts.	Members.	
By death		161	
By honorable discharge		53	
By transfer		165	
By suspension		742	
By surrender of charter	3	65	
Total loss	3	1,186	
Actual gain for term	16 posts.		
Actual loss for term	271 members.		
Remaining in good standing December 31, 1896	383	16,096	

The showing for the year is a good one. Not a delinquent Post on the roll, December 31, 1896. There was a gain of nine Posts for the year and a loss in membership of 670; of this number, 343 have joined their comrades on the camping ground of eternity. The report for the year 1895 showed a loss of twelve posts and 1,293 members, with a death rate of 342.

There has been pleasing evidence, during the past year, of a desire on the part of many who have not heretofore been identified with the G. A. R. to become members, while the number of suspensions has materially decreased. I deem it proper to say in connection with the subject of suspensions, that a careful enquiry has been made of many Commanders and Adjutants of Posts, as to the condition of the members who make up the majority of the suspended list. The result warrants the statement, that the comrades who are least able to pay are the ones most prompt in paying. Where members are too poor to pay the Post takes pleasure in remitting the dues. The number upon the suspended list, December 31, 1896, was 3,706, many of whom have been carried upon the Post roster for several years, and while abundantly able to pay their dues and thus help support the Post, they have become careless or indifferent and the Post suffers. At our last Encampment the Commander-in-Chief then present spoke in no uncertain terms as to the position of Michigan in the line of Departments because of her suspended list. The remedy is in the dropping; if a member is able to pay, and won't pay, he should be dropped. A comrade who wants to pay but is temporarily embarrassed has a right to be carried by the Post. A suspended member is still permitted to sit in the Post meeting and to wear the button, he may not hold office nor vote under our rules, and the Post by its own by-laws may forbid his presence in the Post meeting, but he is still a member of the Order under restrictions. The man who should not be permitted to wear the button is the man who is not in the Order.

During the year ending April 1, 1897, charters have been issued to seven Posts, the detail of which will be found in the report of the Chief Mustering Officer. Six of these Posts are noted in this report and one will go to the credit of the next administration.

The Posts surrendering their charters during the year 1896 are Nos. 148, 310, 333 and 417. Since January 1, 1897, Post No. 417 has been reinstated and Post 344 has disbanded. Posts 77, 221, 353, 365 and 412 have been reinstated during the year.

A charter has been issued to Post 383 to replace loss by fire. Rituals, service books and other needed supplies have been issued to Posts 343 and 269, to replace losses by fire.

Relief has been furnished by Posts, as reported by Adjutants and Quartermasters, to the amount of \$3,000.11 to 358 members or their families and 112 other persons.

The total cash balance in the relief fund of Posts, Dec.	
31, 1896, was.....	\$2,307 80
Total cash in general fund, same date.....	9,330 16
Reported value of real estate, same date.....	25,272 20
Reported value of other property, same date.....	47,838 50
Total value of all assets.....	\$84,748 66

FINANCES.

The following amounts of cash have been received at my office from the several sources named, have been paid to the Assistant Quartermaster General, and his receipts taken.

From W. F. Tromp, Past Assistant Quartermaster General:

General fund	\$895 19
Alger fund	722 92
Total	\$1,618 11
Charter fees	\$70 00
Per capita tax.....	3,263 90
Post supplies	476 42
Avery relief fund.....	6 55
Southern flower fund, Post 7.....	2 00
Sale of Department property.....	12 50
Other sources	9 00
Total	\$3,840 37

Total amount received, \$5,458.48.

There was also received from the Past Assistant Quartermaster General vouchers for cash paid out by him after closing his report to the Encampment to the amount of \$233.74.

In harmony with the action of the last Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General has performed the duties of the Assistant Quartermaster General's office, excepting the holding of the moneys received. All supplies to Posts have been issued from my office, the various records and reports pertaining to the Assistant Quartermaster General's office have been kept and made by the Assistant Adjutant General.

I now seriously recommend that this Encampment voice the belief that the comrade chosen as Assistant Adjutant General should be the Assistant Quartermaster General also. Very many Departments have adopted this plan, it is a movement in the interest of convenience and economy.

The total value of Post supplies now on hand is \$107.88.

The value of Department property other than supplies is \$131.50 and is itemized in the reports of the meetings of the Council of Administration, of which two have been held and two of the Executive Committee. The reports are hereto attached.

This Department will be entitled to 16 delegates and one at large, to the Thirty-first National Encampment, to be held at Buffalo in August next. This is a loss of one delegate from the number chosen last year. Our comrades should keep in mind, however, that a Past Department Commander is each year added to the list entitled to seats in the National Encampment, and there is a moral obligation resting upon these Officers, calling for their presence, as representatives of the Department that gave them so great an honor.

The last National Encampment decided that where delegates and alternates were chosen by districts, the alternate of the district where a vacancy occurs should act as the representative. This will render unnecessary our usual plan of drawing positions for alternates.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS.

Early in the session of the present Legislature, an Act was passed providing for the location of permanent headquarters of this Department, in the Capitol at Lansing. No further expense for rent, fuel or lights will accrue to the Department. The number of visiting comrades seen weekly at headquarters, proves the value to the Order of a central and permanent point for the same.

While not fully completed, it has been my effort to so arrange the records of the Department as to make that of each Post, where possible, complete from its organization to present date. Disbanded Posts, as well as the active ones, have been included in the work. Tin cases (without expense to the Department) have been provided for each Post, and the visitor can at once recognize the number of his Post and the date of its organization without opening the case.

The published proceedings of the National and Department conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps have been bound and placed in the Department Library. This library also contains 103 volumes of the Union and Confederate records of the war. They are my personal property, arranged for the convenience of my comrades. A telephone placed in the office is a great convenience to comrades in all parts of the State.

EARLY HISTORY OF DEPARTMENT.

Soon after taking my position as Assistant Adjutant General, I learned that there were several boxes of Grand Army records stowed in a mercantile house in Detroit, where they had been since 1891. These boxes were brought to headquarters, were opened, and to me no richer find could have been developed. After twelve years of search, we have found enough of the original records of the first, second, third and fourth years of our present organization to make when properly compiled, printed and bound, a complete history of the Department of Michigan since April, 1878. I most earnestly ask this Encampment to authorize the printing and binding of

these records, the expense of which will hardly exceed the cost of the work now placed on our annual proceedings. In addition to the records just described as being found, many papers in scattered condition have been secured and found to be of value to various Posts records. These are not yet all properly arranged. A find of much interest to this Department was a ten page copy of the proceedings of the first G. A. R. Encampment ever held in this State, its date being May 6, 1868, and the Department Commander being our well loved Comrade Russel A. Alger. There are very few among us who have known that Comrade Alger was a Past Department Commander, or his name would have long since appeared upon our Department roster as such.

NEW RECORDS.

Believing that to make a correct record of the membership of the Order, it was necessary to establish a basis that would enable the present Adjutant to most readily furnish the needed information, on the 15th of January last I issued a circular letter to the Adjutants, and with it sent blanks prepared to receive the name, postoffice, county, rank, regiment, and company of all members either on suspended lists or in good standing January 1, 1897.

I also had three books prepared, 18 by 24 inches, well bound, 300 pages each, and ruled for the description furnished by the Adjutants, and also with rulings to enable an entry opposite each name of any report made in the future semi-annual returns, concerning anyone on the record book. Thus in case of death, suspension, dropped or transfer, the date could be entered, and a protected history kept.

The Adjutants of Posts most cordially entered into this work. About 125 Posts have not as yet reported. Many letters express the fact that the work has enabled the Adjutants to perfect their books, a work neglected for years, and in no instance has there been an unreasonable objection to the labor imposed upon them. The following extract of a letter received from an Adjutant is here inserted, by your request, Commander. It reads as follows:

"My Dear Colonel—For this work you should be both praised and cursed, applauded and hissed, exalted and scorned, banqueted and despised. The first for the good you have done the Department and its records, the latter for the work entailed on poor and underpaid Adjutants, and the proportion should be 95 per cent of the first part and 5 per cent of the second part." It is needless to say that I shall always entertain a kindly feeling for the comrade who let me off so humanely. To copy these Adjutants' reports into the record books, alphabetically by Posts numerically arranged, will take time and work, and I trust that permission will be given to employ extra help as needed.

GENERAL WORK.

The usual work devolving upon the office has been the mailing of thirteen general orders, four circulars, fifteen special orders, the Proceedings of the Eighteenth Department Encampment, and of the Thirtieth National Encampment, the Roster of 1896, blanks to various Posts and Department officers, and giving the careful attention to correspondence, which in my judgment is so essential in keeping the comrades in touch with headquarters. Over 2,000 letters have been written, 1,000 of which will be found copied in the office letter book. A daily record of work performed has been kept in accordance with our law. This, in connection with attention to the required semi-annual reports, their record in the books prepared, covering both office of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, in addition to the work mentioned throughout this report, enables me to truthfully say, I have conformed to the spirit of the resolution adopted at the last Encampment. Not less than ten, more often twelve and fourteen hours, may be credited to this office as having been employed for every working day in the year (making up by extra duty for some unavoidable absences) in the performance of work for the Order. I have made no attempt to set a pace for my successor, but I have attempted to conclude a work, not possible, in a twelve month, simply because I believed the Department needed it. I recommend that the salary of the joint office of Assistant Adju-

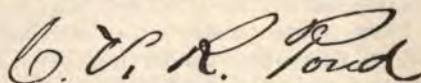
tant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be in harmony with the work required.

CONCLUSION.

Commander, you did not ask my permission, you held no conference with me implying that you might need my services, you called me to your side as your Adjutant as you took your oath of office. I obeyed, and severed connection with an office calling for less work by half, and with a larger salary. You have been to me during the past year more like a brother than a Commander. You know what the year now closing has been to me. But little sunshine, many and dark the clouds. The time of all times in our lives has come and gone. Through all, your true spirit of comradeship has been ever present, and I have been lifted over many a rugged path, darkened by shadows terrible, by your positive exemplification of Fraternity.

To my comrades, fellow workers upon the staff with whom I have had considerable contact, I desire to express special thanks for their oft repeated courtesies. To the great body of veterans who make up the G. A. R. of Michigan, I desire to extend a hand, warm in its grasp, and conveying the impulses of a heart filled with gratitude for the generous words of sympathy that have come when darkness was all about me. As I turn over to my successor the office I have been honored with, let there come to you, Commander, and to all my comrades, the belief of sincerity in my wish, that naught but blessings may come to you.

Yours in F., C. & L.,



Assistant Adjutant General.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
SAGINAW, April 1, 1897. }

The Department Commander called a meeting of the Council of Administration, in his room at the Bancroft House, at 8 o'clock p. m.

There were present: William Shakespeare, Department Commander; C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General; C. E. Foote, Assistant Quartermaster General; W. E. Hamilton, J. A. Green, N. M. Richardson, and H. S. White, Council of Administration.

The meeting having been called to order, Comrade White moved that the official bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$2,000. Motion prevailed.

Comrade Richardson moved that the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at \$3,000. Motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Comrade Green, the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General was made \$1,000 per year.

Comrade Hamilton was instructed, upon motion of Comrade White, to sell two desks, one chair, one stove, and other Department property, now at late headquarters at St. Johns, for such highest price as he could secure, and turn the proceeds over to the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Council of Administration adjourned.



[Approved.]

Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
LANSING, January 4, 1897. }

Meeting of the Executive Committee of Council of Administration, held pursuant to general order No. 9, issued by the Department Commander, December 15, 1896.

Present: N. M. Richardson, J. A. Green, H. S. White, of the committee, and the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. The Department Commander being detained at home on business, the committee proceeded to examine the books and vouchers and papers of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and finding them correct, so certified, and adjourned until the morrow at 9 a. m.

Tuesday, January 5, 1897.

The committee met at 10 o'clock a. m., Department Commander Shakespeare, with members as above named, in attendance.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to destroy all old rituals, cards and service books, that had been returned from disbanded Posts.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to destroy all Blue Books and Rules and Regulations, now carried on stock account, that had become obsolete, and were of such date as to be unserviceable.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to inventory the Department property, place such value upon it as in his judgment was proper, and submit the same to the Department Commander for his action.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Assistant Adjutant General and Executive Committee be a committee to enquire into necessary legislation for the good of the Order, and report the same to the Committee on Legislation.

Upon motion \$250 was appropriated for disbursement by the Assistant Adjutant General to cover expense of procuring from Detroit certain cases of old records of this

Department, and making such disposition of the same as might be necessary to perfect the records at Headquarters, and to pay the Assistant Adjutant General for his services therefor.

The Executive Committee were appointed a committee to aid in matters suggested by the Committee on Legislation.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to prepare vouchers and reimburse the Committee of the Council of Administration for expenses incurred in attending this meeting. Adjourned.

C. V. R. Pond

[Approved.]

Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
LANSING, April 1, 1897. }

Meeting of Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, held pursuant to Special Order No. 15, issued by the Department Commander March 18, 1897. Called to order 2 o'clock p. m.

Present: N. M. Richardson, J. A. Green, H. S. White, of the Executive Committee, and William Shakespeare, Department Commander, C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, C. E. Foote, Assistant Quartermaster General.

The books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General were examined by the committee and certified to as being correct.

The Department Commander called the Council of Administration to order at 3:30 p. m.

Upon motion the salary of the Assistant Quartermaster General was placed at \$100 for the year.

Comrade Richardson offered the following, which was adopted:

“Resolved, That the action of the Department Commander in ruling adversely to the claim for per diem for services of the members of Court Martial, held at Marine City, be and hereby is approved.”

The inventory of Department property, as approved by the Department Commander, was accepted by the Council of Administration, as follows:

One Department National flag and cover.....	\$45 00
One Department regulation banner and cover.....	50 00
One Union Jack and cover.....	12 00
Eight parade markers.....	8 00
One letter scale.....	1 50
One letter press.....	1 00
One Department seal.....	2 00
Four saddles	12 00
Total	<u>\$131 50</u>

Upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to prepare vouchers, and pay the actual expenses of the Executive Committee in attending this meeting.

Upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General was voted \$50 for compiling the proceedings of the Nineteenth Department Encampment.

Adjourned.



[Approved.]

Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PHELPS HOUSE, GREENVILLE, MICH., April 6, 1897. }

Meeting of Council of Administration called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Present: William Shakespeare, Department Commander; J. O. Bellaire, Junior Vice Department Commander; C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General; C. E. Foote, Assistant Quartermaster General; J. S. Preston, Chaplain; R. W. Jacklin, Inspector; R. D. Dix, Judge Advocate; N. M. Richardson, J. A. Green, and H. S. White, of Executive Committee.

Upon motion of Comrade White the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General were instructed to take any measures necessary to guard against a deficiency in the number of badges for delegates.

Upon motion the action of the Executive Committee in examining the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General was approved.

Upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General were ordered to pay the actual expenses and railroad fare of the Department Officers and the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, in attendance upon this Encampment.



[Approved.]

Assistant Adjutant General.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

The Department Commander—If there are no objections, the report of the Assistant Adjutant General will be referred to the following committee: Comrades M. A. Merrifield, Post 88; J. C. Bontecou, Post 170; O. Palmer, Post 240. I trust the committee will get together as soon as possible, that it may be able to make a report at the earliest possible moment. We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

The Assistant Quartermaster General read his report, which was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
 GREENVILLE, APRIL 6, 1897. }

COL. C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich.:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby submit to you my report for the year just closed.

RECEIPTS.

From C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General—		
Cash general fund—last administration.....	\$895 19	
Cash Alger fund—last administration.....	722 92	
Total		\$1,618 11
Charter fees.....	\$70 00	
Per capita tax.....	3,263 90	
Post supplies.....	476 42	
Avery relief fund.....	6 55	
Southern flower fund.....	2 00	
Sale Department property.....	12 50	
Other sources.....	9 00	
Interest on Alger fund at 7 per cent.....	50 61	\$3,890 98
Total receipts		<u>\$5,509 09</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. H. Emory, stenographer.....	\$50 00
Badge to Past Department Commander Daboll	35 00
Printing bills—last administration.....	295 00
W. R. Hamilton, compiling last Journal.....	50 00
Per capita tax to National headquarters.....	405 79

Avery fund relief.....	6 55
Southern flower fund.....	2 00
Expenses Thirtieth National Encampment....	497 16
Regulation Department banner.....	50 00
Expense Transportation Committee	5 45
Expense Soldiers' Home Committee.....	13 27
Expense Legislative Committee.....	9 64
Expense Military Instruction Committee.....	4 34
Traveling and postage expense Dept. officers	175 54
Salary Assistant Adjutant General.....	999 96
Salary Assistant Quartermaster General....	100 00
Postage	285 84
Printing and stationery.....	219 77
Extra work on Records.....	250 00
Freight, express, telegraph, etc.....	44 51
Post supplies from National headquarters....	286 34
Post supplies from other sources.....	41 00
Expenses Executive Committee Council of Ad- ministration	60 22
Expense general court martial.....	71 18
Total disbursements	<u>\$3,958 56</u>

ASSETS.

Cash in general fund.....	\$777 00
Alger fund and interest.....	773 53
Department supplies	107 88
Total	<u>\$1,658 41</u>

Before closing this report, I believe it will not be improper for me to state that after giving the matter serious consideration, I have come to the conclusion that the Assistant Quartermaster General's office should be consolidated with that of the Assistant Adjutant General. I believe this to be for the best interests of the Department both as a matter of economy in the saving of postage and stationery and in many other ways; and that such additional salary be paid to the Assistant Adjutant General as the Department may deem proper for the extra duties imposed upon him.

I also at this time desire to thank most heartily Commander William Shakespeare for his many acts of kindness extended to me during the past year; also Col. C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, for his valu-

able assistance and courtesies extended to me as Assistant Quartermaster General.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

C. E. FOOTE,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

The Department Commander—The report will be referred to Comrades W. S. Turck, Post 152; W. H. Fisher, Post 17; Albert Dunham, Post 48.

The Senior Vice Department Commander being absent, we will now listen to the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander.

The Junior Vice Department Commander read his report, which was as follows:

OFFICE OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, }
GRAND RAPIDS, APRIL 6, 1897.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, Department Commander:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report as Junior Vice Commander during my term of office. On May 18, 1896, I was requested by the Assistant Adjutant General to ascertain the status of Post No. 408, as it had been reported delinquent at last Encampment. I called a special meeting in month of June, 1896, and succeeded in having said Post reinstated. New officers were elected and duly installed August 5. The Post is now alive, doing well, holds its regular and social meetings, moving along smoothly. I feel well repaid for my efforts. It gives me pleasure to make this statement as it will be received with pleasure by the comrades of the Department.

I have during the year done all I could do for the welfare of our beloved Order. I have attended many campfires, reunions, and soldiers' gatherings. I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by my comrades at the Eighteenth Annual Encampment at Saginaw, also for the kindness which has been extended to me by the comrades wherever I have met

them. My visits have always been pleasant and will be held by me in grateful remembrance.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

JOS. O. BELLAIRE,

Junior Vice Department Commander.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades George M. Doty, Post 252; S. H. Mallory, Post 382; T. M. Champlin, Post 28.

The Medical Director made the following report, which was read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R., }
BAY CITY, MICH., APRIL 6, 1897.

C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the six months ending June 30, 1896:

Number of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	224	
Number of deaths during term.....	150	
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service.....	21	
Number who presumably died of disease con- tracted in the service.....	89	
Number who presumably died from other causes.	40	
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	51	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		\$547 50
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	60	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		437 95
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or Relief Corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....		214 39
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Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies		\$1,199 84
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions	144	

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this Department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors: Michigan Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, Mich., for soldiers and wives of the same.

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the six months ending December 31, 1896:

Number of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants	244	
Number of deaths during term.....	195	
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service.....	7	
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in the service.....	51	
Number who presumably died from other causes.	8	
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	70	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		\$530 75
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	95	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		452 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or Relief Corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....		254 50
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Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies.....		\$1,365 75
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions	160	

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this Department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors: Michigan Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, Mich., admits soldiers and wives of the same.

Number of inmates in each Home Dec. 31—Soldiers 656, wives of soldiers 34.

The above Homes are supported by the State.

Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in alms houses 7.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GEO. H. GRANGER, M. D.,

Medical Director.

The report was submitted to a committee consisting of Comrades Samuel T. Lawrence, Post 413; William Mears, Post 246; and A. T. Huyck, Post 327.

The report of the Department Chaplain was presented and read to the Encampment and was as follows:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R., }
LYONS, MICH., MARCH 25, 1897.

C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to report to you, and through you to our Department Commander, and the comrades of this Department, the following as Department Chaplain, relative to the work of Memorial services in this Department. I have received reports from 369 Posts, which in the aggregate report as follows:

Number of graves decorated Memorial Day, May 30, 1896..	15,054
Number of comrades buried during the year previous to	
May 30th	576
Number of Posts owning lots in cemeteries.....	176
Number of comrades buried in the potter's field.....	118
Number of comrades' graves not properly marked.....	2,820
Number of Posts holding Sunday Memorial services.....	355
Number of other Posts participating in said services.....	33
Number of Posts holding Memorial Day services.....	360
Number of comrades taking part in said services.....	14,244
Number of other organizations participating in said services	602
Total number uniting in Memorial day services.....	165,067

According to the above report over 800 more graves of comrades are decorated than there are comrades who unite in Decoration services. While there is a sadness in the thought that our numbers are fast diminishing, yet there is a cheerful thought in contemplating the above report, in the fact that it clearly demonstrates an increasing interest, not only on the part of our comrades, but also by other civic organizations, and the public generally, in the observance of Memorial Day, and in all that tends to the proper commemoration of our deceased com-

rades. Especially is it encouraging to notice the interest taken in these exercises by the children and their teachers generally. The fact that Memorial Day is not only a fixed holiday among the people of this Nation, but that it is also becoming more and more a sacred day, is decidedly noticeable. The fact that nearly two hundred thousand people in this Department, including over six hundred other civic organizations, lay aside all other duties on Memorial Day, and unite with us in honoring the memory of our departed comrades, is truly encouraging. And although year by year our numbers must grow rapidly less, yet the number of those who join heartily in the proper observance of Memorial Day is steadily increasing, and will continue to increase until it has become the grandest and most sacred holiday known to the people of this Nation.

There are a few points to which I desire to call special attention. The first is the neglect of Post Chaplains to report promptly. A full report from each Post Chaplain in the Department ought to be in the hands of the Department Chaplain, certainly as early as the first of July, and if possible, much earlier, in order to enable him to include a full report of the work done in the Department, in his report to the Chaplain-in-Chief.

This caused me the greatest discouragement of any thing I had to contend with, and after mailing over one hundred letters to Post Chaplains who were late with their reports, and delaying my report to the Chaplain-in-Chief as long as I could, and have it available, I was only able to obtain reports from 326 Posts in time to include them in that report. Since returning from the National Encampment, by repeatedly calling for them, I have succeeded in obtaining a report from all but twenty of the posts that were in existence in this Department on last Memorial Day. It would be much easier for Post Chaplains to fill out and forward their reports immediately after Memorial Day, than to delay it until the facts required in that report have passed from their memory. To illustrate, an estimate of the number present at Memorial Day services is more easily and accurately obtained at the time of the services than several weeks afterwards. This argument holds good in every item of the report. I think if the individual reports were to be read before the

Encampment, comrades and Post Commanders would urge upon their Chaplains greater carefulness in making out their reports.

In order that all our comrades who desire may know just how their Chaplain has reported for 1896, I have tabulated these reports, and I have also filed these individual reports in such a way that any one of them desired can be easily obtained. I am of the opinion that if the tabulated report herewith enclosed was published in the annual report, the extra expense thus incurred would be well repaid by the increased interest it would create on the part of Post Chaplains in reporting promptly and properly. Another point to which I would respectfully call your special attention is the fact that so many reports bear upon the face of them unmistakable evidence of their inaccuracy. While I believe that publishing these reports in tabulated form, as suggested above, would tend to a great improvement in this respect, yet I think that one fruitful cause of this inaccuracy is a lack of a proper understanding on the part of those reporting, as to just what is wanted in these reports.

For instance: I do not think that in giving "Total number in attendance taking part" (as required in the blanks furnished Post Chaplains for their report) it is understood by all that they are to give as accurate an estimate of the number in attendance on Memorial Day services, including the entire audience as well as the comrades, as is possible, or they would not give the number as 8, 10, 20, etc., etc., as is the case in many reports, especially when in the same report the name of a person who could command a large audience at any time, is given as the Orator of the Day. I would respectfully suggest, that if some plan could be devised whereby needed instruction could be given Post Chaplains in regard to filling out their reports, it would tend greatly to increase their accuracy in reporting.

I desire also to call attention to the large number of comrades' graves not properly marked (2,820), and in this connection I would say that accompanying reports, I have received a large number of personal letters from Post Chaplains, inquiring what course to pursue in order to obtain the marble headstones furnished by the government for unmarked soldiers' graves. I have received

so many such letters that I have not attempted to reply to any of them. I would respectfully suggest the propriety of giving such instructions to each Post, in a general order from headquarters.

On the whole, I am glad to be able to report an increased interest, not only on the part of our comrades, but with the public generally, in all that pertains to the work of honoring the memory of our fallen comrades, yet I think much improvement might be made on the lines I have suggested.

And now, in concluding my work as Department Chaplain, I do so with the sad thought, yet with the firm conviction, that I too shall soon be numbered with the silent dead, but if with my last thoughts I can be cheered with the knowledge that I have done something to honor the memory of my brave comrades who have gone before, I shall be more than repaid for all that I may have done.

With sincere thanks for the many kindnesses I have received in my official capacity as Department Chaplain, and with an earnest prayer that we may each be fully prepared for that last great change which awaits us all, and that we may meet with joyful greeting in that Grand Encampment, in the bright and beautiful beyond, I remain forever yours in F. C. and L.,

JOSEPH S. PRESTON,

Department Chaplain, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

CHAPLAIN'S TABULATED REPORT
OF
MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Tabulated report of Memorial services, Department of Michigan, 1896.

Number of the Post reporting.	Number of Comrades' graves decorated by the Post.	Number of Comrades buried by the Post during the year.	Number of Posts owning lots in the cemetery.	Number of Comrades buried in the Potter's field.	Number of Comrades' graves not properly marked.	Number of Posts holding Sunday Memorial services.	Number of other Posts participating.	Number of Posts holding Memorial Day services.	Number of Comrades taking part in the exercises.	Number of other organizations participating.	Total number uniting in Memorial Day services.	Name and address of the orator on Memorial Day, when the same was given in Post reports; or, if no oration was given, the character of the exercises held by the Post on Memorial Day, when the same was given in Post reports.
1	333	50	1	1	24	1	1	1	400	1	400	Gov. Luce.
2	109	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	50	2	1,000	Hon. James O'Donnell, Jackson, Mich.
3	51	4	1	1	38	1	1	1	50	2	1,000	W. E. Osman. Address not given.
4	56	10	1	1	35	1	2	1	30	10	4,000	Rev. Townner, Reading, Mich.
5	165	10	1	1	35	1	1	1	225	10	4,000	Rev. George B. Kulp. Address not given.
6	120	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	2,000	Dr. A. T. Salley. Address not given.
7	96	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	105	4	2,000	Judge J. W. McGrath, Detroit, Mich.
8	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	8	500	Rev. M. M. Allen, Ishpeming, Mich.
9	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	50	1	150	Rev. D. Parsons, Big Rapids, Mich.
10	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	2	500	Rev. O. J. Perrin. Address not given.
11	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	5	200	Rev. H. H. Pulver. Address not given.
12	38	2	1	1	12	1	1	1	50	2	350	W. G. Stevens, Deerfield, Mich.
13	19	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	40	1	1,200	Hon. C. S. Hampton, Petoakey, Mich.
14	120	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	4	500	Rev. G. B. Simons, Benton Harbor, Mich.
15	48	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	60	1	500	Rev. W. L. Launsee, Ludington, Mich.
16	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	2	80	Rev. J. C. Newcomer, Ewart, Mich.
17	673	15	1	1	225	1	2	1	1,000	5	1,500	Rev. Wm. H. Prall, D. D., Detroit, Mich.
18	86	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	75	3	1,200	Judge Corbet, Traverse City, Mich.
19	70	2	1	1	12	1	1	1	65	1	1,000	Hon. L. M. Ward. Benton Harbor, Mich.
20	48	4	1	1	8	1	1	1	46	1	1,000	Services according to ritual.
21	106	1	1	1	25	1	1	1	50	2	500	Rev. W. K. Brooks, Benton Harbor, Mich.
22	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	500	Rev. W. W. Divine, Buchanan, Mich.

80	Rev. T. Latty, Bloomington, Mich.
81	Rev. J. S. Preston, D ^y c Chaplain, Lyons, Mich.
82	Bert Hart, Blissfield, Mich.
83	R. F. Skeels, Holton, Mich.
84	Prof. S. B. Laria, Dowagiac, Mich.
85	Rev. Goodwin Laport, Mich.
86	Rev. George B. Kulp, Address not given.
87	Rev. A. J. Wheeler, Colonias, Mich.
88	Hon. I. H. Hammond, Decatur, Mich.
89	Hon. William F. Neal, Battle Creek, Mich.
90	Rev. Palmer Morend, Mich.
91	Prof. W. D. Sterling, Hastings, Mich.
92	M. A. Merrifield, Union City, Mich.
93	Hon. R. V. Gore, Benton Harbor, Mich.
94	Rev. Arthur Hyde, Greenville, Mich.
95	Hon. Mrs. A. Billman, Saginaw, Mich.
96	Rev. M. Smith, Berrien Springs, Mich.
97	Hon. W. A. Norton, St. Johns, Mich.
98	R. B. Robbins, Adrian, Mich.
99	Hon. J. B. Moore, Lansarg, Mich.
100	Hon. L. H. Salisbury, Adrian, Mich.
101	John W. H. Brooks, Address not given.
102	Rev. H. W. White, Milwaukee, Wis.
103	James M. Humphrey, Wayland, Mich.
104	Rev. O. W. Ketchum, Dowagiac, Mich.
105	H. A. Edwards, Address not given.
106	Comrade Younglove, Address not given.
107	Rev. M. Deltrich, Corral, Mich.
108	A. E. McCabe, Petoskey, Mich.
109	D. C. Wickam, Pentwater, Mich.
110	Mrs. May C. Bliss, Saginaw, Mich.
111	Rev. George Narien, Manton, Mich.
112	Rev. Isaac R. Springer, No address.
113	Prof. H. W. McIntosh, No address.
114	Rev. Essex, Volusia, Mich.
115	Elder North, Dimondale, Mich.

Tabulated report of Memorial services, Department of Michigan, 1896.—Continued.

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59	28	6			10	1		1	52	1	400	Rev. Donaldson, Gableville, Mich.
60	100	1			14	1		1	49	1	91	Rev. W. H. Hicks, Whitmore Lake, Mich.
61	16	4			1	1		1	30	1	1,000	Rev. Geo. Gaylord, Mich.
62	24	4			10	1		1	50	1	600	Prof. F. D. Smith, Cedar Springs, Mich.
63	20	2	1		2	1		1	27	4	650	Rev. F. Schenkerhorn, No address given.
64	96	6		1	42	1		1	40	1	300	Rev. R. H. F. Gardner, Niles, Mich.
65	18	6	1			1		1	20		200	Ernest East, Address not given.
66	15	1			1	1		1	48	1	400	Rev. Degreph, East Jordan, Mich.
67	98	2	1		8	1	1	1	200	8	1,000	Rev. T. C. Patchell, Bay City, Mich.
68	33	6	1		13	1		1	60	1	600	J. B. McMahon, Ludington, Mich.
69	43		1		9	1		1	40	4	1,200	Hon. W. D. Gordon, Midland, Mich.
70	7	2			4	1		1	25		400	Reva Perkins and Yulton. No address.
71												No report from this post.
72	73	5	1			1		1	100			Rev. C. J. Keifer, Three Rivers, Mich.
73	39											Rev. J. J. Phelps, Sturgis, Mich.
74	71		1		15	1		1	50	1	75	Geo. Clapperton, Grand Rapids, Mich.
75	39	3	1			1		1	60	4	8,000	Comrade Chase, Grand Rapids, Mich.
76	97	3				1		1	60			Samuel W. Burroughs, Detroit, Mich.
77												No report from this post.
78	25	2	1		1			1	75	1	500	Hon. J. T. Uampbell, Mason, Mich.
79	226	6	1			1		1	150		150	Rev. W. A. Waterman, Chicago, Ill.
80	60	1	1		25			1	50	2	500	Frank Lines, Fennville, Mich.

81	10	2	1	1	4	44	2	100	C. W. Barnes, Stanton, Mich.
82	14	3	1	1	2	23	2	301	Rev. Eches. Address not given.
83	69	3	1	1	20	40	1	360	Col. C. C. Elsworth, Greenville, Mich.
84	85	1	1	1	1	100	6	1,000	Rev. F. C. Wood, Marcellona, Mich.
85	80	1	1	1	1	45	1	1,000	Rev. Frank Fox, Three River, Mich.
86	22	2	1	1	2	90	1	300	Ray Sessions. Address not given.
87	29	1	1	1	2	40	2	900	Prof. W. M. Ferris, Big Rapids, Mich.
88	53	2	1	1	1	70	2	940	Rev. Washington Gardner, Lansing, Mich.
89	46	3	1	1	14	50	3	118	Rev. Broadhead, Flint, Mich.
90	65	2	1	1	1	55	3	---	Capt. Albert Trask, Saginaw, Mich.
91	54	3	1	1	31	40	---	---	A. J. Rose, St. Louis, Mich.
92	40	2	1	1	9	20	2	60	A. J. Dickerson, Marion, Mich.
93	40	1	1	1	2	50	---	260	Rev. W. M. Judd, Howard City, Mich.
94	2	---	---	---	3	10	1	80	Short talk by several Comrades.
95	41	---	---	---	2	50	1	100	Recitations by School and Post Ritual.
96	---	---	---	---	4	12	1	150	Services by ritual in Cemetery.
97	20	1	1	1	10	40	---	300	F. M. McIntock. Address not given.
98	82	5	1	1	10	20	2	---	John S. Beach, Port Huron, Mich.
99	14	4	1	1	20	50	---	---	Decorated by detail; no services.
100	56	4	1	1	---	---	3	500	Rev. W. T. Woodhouse, Jackson, Mich.
101	38	5	1	1	3	75	1	600	Exercises by children and Post.
102	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	No report from this post.
103	20	1	1	1	---	20	---	20	Rev. M. Coad, Williamston, Mich.
104	58	4	1	1	1	37	2	75	Capt. Allen, Portland, Mich.
105	18	---	---	---	2	14	---	---	No report.
106	8	1	1	1	2	18	2	300	Decorating and exercises by ritual.
107	38	2	1	1	2	43	4	66	W. H. Vanaaken, West Windsor, Canada.
108	75	3	1	1	---	75	1	1,000	Rev. G. H. Bradley, Grand Ledger, Mich.
109	150	5	1	1	17	100	5	1,000	Hon. Geo. H. Yapple, Mendon, Mich.
110	111	1	1	1	30	100	3	350	Rev. Chas. O. Riley, Adrian, Mich.
111	149	2	1	1	37	100	1	125	Rev. J. M. Barkley, Detroit, Mich.
112	33	1	1	1	---	25	3	140	D. E. Bennet. Address not given.
113	42	2	1	1	12	28	8	---	Hon. S. L. Merriam, Port Huron, Mich.
114	38	2	1	1	7	50	1	500	Rev. C. C. Miller, Howell, Mich.
115	42	2	1	1	41	38	2	---	Geo. W. Rich, Goshen, Indiana.
116	---	---	---	---	4	12	---	30	Rev. W. E. Pierson. Address not given.

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111	40	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	30	1	300	Rev. Benson. Address not given.
118	21	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	60	1	400	Short talks by several Comrades.
119	15	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	50	2	1,000	Rev. F. J. Eastabrook. No address.
120	138	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	2	3,000	Dexter R. Horton, Howell, Mich.
121	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	1	450	Hon. B. A. Snow. Address not given.
122	35	3	1	1	7	1	1	1	35	1	250	T. J. Crago. Address not given.
123	21	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	8	A. F. Bunting, Empire, Mich.
124	29	3	1	1	7	1	1	1	25	1	1,000	Geo. R. Parrish, Constantine, Mich.
125	132	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	85	5	108	O. Tomlinson, Plainwell, Mich.
126	78	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	1	1,000	Hon. A. B. Morse, Gladgow, Scotland.
127	31	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	35	1	500	Ritualistic services by the Post.
128	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	8	300	Rev. Giger, Paris, Mich.
129	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	8	Ritualistic services by the Post.
130	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	1,000	Geo. Reed. Address not given.
131	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	2	600	Revs. Thompson and Cyphers. No address.
132	19	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	40	3	400	Rev. Leslie Bower. Address not given.
133	19	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	40	3	400	Elder Dain, Newaygo, Mich.
134	34	1	1	1	26	1	1	1	20	1	1,000	Rev. Seth Reed. Address not given.
135	47	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	1	375	Rev. Deloss Cronk. Address not given.
136	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	2	35	C. Rambo, Zeeland, Mich.
137	122	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	75	3	1,500	Gen. J. H. Kidd, Ionia, Mich.
138	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	5	250	C. E. Foote, Hart, Mich.

139	36	5	1	1	1	28	1	30	1	45	Short talks by several Comrades. Col. Dees. Address not given.
140	166	2	1	1	1	3	1	113	2	500	Short talks by several Comrades.
141	31	1	1	1	1	15	1	35	1	300	Exercises and decoration by school.
142	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	12	4	300	Rev. Dr. Daugh, Saginaw, Mich.
143	80	1	1	1	1	5	1	100	8	3,000	
144	68	2	1	1	1	16	1	80	1	400	Rev. J. W. Fenn, Cass City, Mich.
145	233	12	1	1	1	100	1	235	4	500	Rev. Morgan Wood, Detroit, Mich.
146	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	4	200	Rev. M. Smith. Address not given.
147	80	2	1	1	1	6	1	50	1	100	Decorations, etc., by school children.
148	12	2	1	1	1	2	1	30	3	100	Elder Wislaver. Address not given.
149	23	2	1	1	1	20	1	30	2	1,500	A. M. Tinker, Harrison, Mich.
150	10	1	1	1	1	6	1	65	1	1,500	Decorations by detail; no other services.
151	15	1	1	1	1	65	1	30	1	100	Hon. F. R. Duda, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
152	45	1	1	1	1	65	1	30	1	300	John B. Chaddock, Ionia, Mich.
153	7	1	1	1	1	5	1	40	1	180	Col. Andrew A. Address not given.
154	65	1	1	1	1	26	1	84	1	3,000	Decorated graves; no other exercises.
155	73	1	1	1	1	13	1	84	1	900	E. E. Walbridge. Address not given.
156	40	2	1	1	1	12	1	44	4	800	E. L. Hamilton, Niles, Mich.
157	9	2	1	1	1	6	1	20	1	80	Rev. C. Moon. Address not given.
158	24	1	1	1	1	2	1	28	1	180	Rev. Wheatlock. Address not given.
159	34	1	1	1	1	5	1	31	1	60	Rev. W. T. Woodhouse, Jackson, Mich.
160	23	1	1	1	1	21	1	25	1	100	Short talks by several Comrades.
161	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	5	4,000	United with other Detroit Posts.
162	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	2	100	Hon. C. Smith. Address not given.
163	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	2	60	E. J. Marsh, Morley, Mich.
164	28	1	1	1	1	29	1	8	3	1,500	Ritualistic services by the Post.
165	126	6	1	1	1	13	1	80	3	75	Hon. F. D. Newbery, Coldwater, Mich.
166	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	80	E. M. Hopkins, Saginaw, Mich.
167	18	1	1	1	1	12	1	34	1	75	L. H. Gage, Traverse City, Mich.
168	29	4	1	1	1	1	1	16	1	1,500	Rev. J. A. Adar, Saginaw, Mich.
169	28	2	1	1	1	1	1	90	1	140	Hon. H. B. Hudson, Mancelona, Mich.
170	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	82	Rev. Steiner. Address not given.
171	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	1	45	James Clark. Address not given.
172	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	1	300	Mrs. Sarah A. Plummer, Lansing, Mich.
173	18	1	1	1	1	2	1	36	4	600	Rev. J. H. Killpatrick, Lake Linden, Mich.
174	16	1	1	1	1	8	1	32	7	5,000	Rev. Williams and Col. Hill. No address.

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176	11	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	42	5	470	Rev. S. W. La Due, Coral, Mich.
177	13	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	35	1	300	Mr. Smiley, Flint, Mich., and others.
178	24	2	1	1	9	1	1	1	50	1	300	Rev. Welch. Address not given.
179	34	22	1	1	9	1	1	1	23	1	230	Gen. L. S. Trowbridge, Detroit, Mich.
180	50	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	2	200	J. G. Dickerson, Detroit, Mich.
181	54	3	1	1	7	1	1	1	50	1	100	Rev. A. C. Wilson, Milford, Mich.
182	6	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	34	1	73	C. G. Gardner, Newaygo, Mich.
183	100	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	30	7	5,000	Hon. John Donovan, Bay City, Mich.
184	20	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	18	1	450	United with other Detroit Posts.
185	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	100	R. A. Fulford. Address not given.
186	17	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	35	1	40	Rev. Grandle, Columbiaville, Mich.
187	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	1	500	Rev. Van Doran, Holly, Mich.
188	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	38	No exercises because of cyclone.
189	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	5	300	C. Townsend. Address not given.
190	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	3	115	Elder Monroe. Address not given.
192	19	3	1	1	7	1	1	1	30	3	700	Rev. Rowe. Address not given.
193	41	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	100	1	300	Rev. J. W. McDougal, Mendon, Mich.
194	18	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	17	1	300	Major L. G. Wilcox, Bay City, Mich.
195	13	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	17	1	300	Rev. Samuel Jennings, Ruby P. O., Mich.
196	52	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	17	1	300	Hon. L. M. Titus. Address not given.
197	16	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	20	1	1,000	Cyclone prevented any services.
198	16	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	20	1	1,000	Ritualistic services by Post.

1899	18	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	150	Rev. Holiday. Address not given.
1900	46	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	60	---	600	Hon. Landing Monroe, Mich.
1901	63	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	40	---	100	Rev. W. M. Puffer, Manistee, Mich.
1902	81	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	---	100	Rev. Arlington. Address not given.
1903	98	2	35	---	---	---	---	---	60	---	---	Elder Brightenstone. Address not given.
1904	103	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Held services with other Posts.
1905	108	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Hon. Jerome Turner, Owosso, Mich.
1906	113	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	93	---	345	Rev. C. Grey and Lewelling, Bt., Mich.
1907	118	1	9	---	---	---	---	---	45	---	500	Prof. Williams, Three Oaks, Mich.
1908	123	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	38	---	500	Z. W. How, Camden, Mich. Heavy storm.
1909	128	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Prof. R. C. Ford, Albion college, Mich.
1910	133	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Past Commander Daboll, St. Johns, Mich.
1911	138	7	10	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	800	Rev. Bryant, Davison, Mich.
1912	143	4	30	---	---	---	---	---	8	---	1,400	Rev. G. W. Tyhill, Bolivar, Mich.
1913	148	2	6	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	400	Ritualistic services by Post.
1914	153	1	8	---	---	---	---	---	35	---	200	T. W. Williams, Jackson, Mich.
1915	158	1	3	---	---	---	---	---	80	---	150	Revs. Kennedy and Bryant, Mt. Clemens, Mich.
1916	163	3	30	---	---	---	---	---	17	---	200	P. Scheurer and S. Selbert, Eureka, Mich.
1917	168	6	6	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	400	George W. Harris. Address not given.
1918	173	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	48	Hon. O. A. Jones, Hillsdale, Mich.
1919	178	1	44	---	---	---	---	---	28	---	200	W. W. Scott and Rev. Reister, Vicksburg, Mich.
1920	183	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	50	---	No report from this Post.	
1921	188	1	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	300	Rev. Devo. Address not given.
1922	193	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	28	---	150	Revs. Keeler and McIlwain, Richmond, Mich.
1923	198	1	3	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	1,500	Local Revs. Taylor and Knowla.
1924	203	4	7	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	No farther report received.	
1925	208	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	Rev. R. Redoff, Sherman City, Mich.
1926	213	4	4	---	---	---	---	---	24	---	600	Rev. R. Wilkinson, Charlevoix, Mich.
1927	218	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	28	---	50	Services by ritual and short talks.
1928	223	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	20	---	800	Rev. J. H. Holmes, Marine City, Mich.
1929	228	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	200	P. H. Whitbeck. Address not given.
1930	233	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	30	---	300	A. G. Houghton. Address not given.
1931	238	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	35	---	500	Rev. Ostrander, Goodells, Mich.
1932	243	1	5	---	---	---	---	---	45	---	100	Prof. Charles McKinney, Olivet, Mich.
1933	248	4	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	125	W. J. Frazier, Bay City, Mich.
1934	253	6	1	---	---	---	---	---	30	---	400	H. M. Loud, Au Sable, Mich.
1935	258	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	20	---	---	

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227	32	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	36	3	400	Rev. J. D. Jackson, Grand Rapids, Mich.
228	30	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	30	1	500	Hon. Geo. W. McBride, Grand Haven, Mich.
229	18	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	25	4	500	A. R. Gray. Address not given.
230	21	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	30	3	160	Rev. J. M. Warren. Address not given.
241	25	2	1	1	5	1	1	1	40	1	200	Rev. Skendleberry, Lake Odessa, Mich.
242	32	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	32	2	500	Rev. Decker, Athens, Mich.
243	42	1	1	1	33	1	1	1	42	1	200	Rev. L. W. Calkins. Address not given.
244	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No report from this Post.
246	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No report from this Post.
247	22	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	Decoration of graves by detail.
248	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	1	270	Com. H. J. Patterson, St. Johns, Mich.
249	40	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	16	—	150	Rev. I. M. B. Gillisple. No address.
250	38	5	1	1	3	1	1	1	75	—	—	Services according to ritual.
252	45	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	62	1	226	Rev. Oldfield. Address not given.
253	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No report from this Post.
254	25	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	25	—	500	J. B. McIlwain, Port Huron, Mich.
255	29	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	—	—	175	Rev. C. G. Squires, Mayville, Mich.
256	3	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	26	1	200	Rev. H. R. E. Quant, Partello, Mich.
257	9	1	—	—	7	1	1	1	31	6	500	Rev. Geo. W. Bean, Milwaukee, Wis.
258	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No report from this Post.
259	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No report from this Post.
261	70	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	20	1	200	Rev. Bantum. Address not given.

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302	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	2	125	Rev. J. R. Sles, Byron Center, Mich.
303	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	2	75	Rev. Clinton Barnhart, Ballade, Mich.
304	11	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	12		75	S. Rosenberger, Brown City, Mich.
305	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20		120	No report as to manner of services.
306	22				6	1	1	1	30		30	Decoration by detail. No services.
307	200		1	1		1	3	1	150		450	Ira Billman. Address not given.
308												No report from this Post.
310	25				7	1	1	1	25	1	500	Rev. John Clifton. Address not given.
312	32	1				1		1	40		400	Rev. Caroline Bartlett. Address not given.
313												No report from this Post.
314	35			2		1		1	20	1		Saline high school assisted us.
315	21	3			4	1		1	20	1	300	Rev. Tanner. Address not given.
316	28	1	1	1	21	1		1	19	1	500	E. L. Gray, Newaygo, Mich.
317	15			10	10	1	1	1	19		350	Adjutant E. F. Morris.
318	78	2	1		5	1		1	30	1	50	Services as given in ritual.
320	28	1		3	6	1	2	1	26	2	63	W. F. Harding, Terra Haute, Indiana.
321					10	1		1	32	2	260	Rev. George Bergo, Partello, Mich.
323						1		1	15	1	50	James Clark, Ithaca, Mich.
324												No report from this Post.
325	17	1	1		2	1		1	36		44	Rev. George Bullen, Potterville, Mich.
327	6	1	1		6	1		1	35	1	250	Rev. Potterfield, Trufant, Mich.
328	40	1				1		1	30	2	500	Rev. Mosser, Brooklyn, Mich.

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375	37	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	200	6	525	Rev. Ira Hillman, Saginaw, E. M., Mich.
377	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	3	450	Rev. E. L. Palmer, Rochester, Mich.
378	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	90	Services as given in ritual.
379	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	200	Rev. O. N. Henry. Address not given.
380	13	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	25	3	540	Rev. John Russell, New Haven, Mich.
381	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	200	Exercises as given in ritual.
382	34	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	50	1	100	Rev. Skentlebury. Address not given.
383	43	1	1	2	10	1	1	1	16	3	100	Rev. H. H. Phelps, Marlin, Mich.
384	15	1	1	1	75	1	1	1	75	10	300	Rev. Prall, Detroit, Mich.
385	15	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	15	1	300	C. H. Leaman, Farwell, Mich.
388	48	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	20	1	1,000	Hon. J. B. Perham, Spring Lake, Mich.
390	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	8	M. S. Mills. Address not given.
392	50	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	75	3	3,000	W. H. Frankhouser, Hillsdale, Mich.
393	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	10	United with other Detroit Posts.
394	23	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	10	1	10	No farther report of services.
395	170	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	50	1	1,000	Rev. W. D. Stratton, Grand Rapids, Mich.
396	11	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	17	2	130	W. M. Puffer, Manistee, Mich.
398	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	3	300	Decoration by Detail from Post.
399	7	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	20	3	430	William Russell, Northport, Mich.
401	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	200	No report from this Post.
402	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	200	Read Emer. Address not given.
404	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	60	Forest W. Smith, Plymouth, Mich.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades James H. Failing, Post 145; C. Engel, Post 162, and Thomas Boodger, Post 430.

The Judge Advocate presented and read his report, which was as follows:

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R., }
LANSING, MICH., March 31, 1897.

C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I am pleased to say but little work has been required of the Judge Advocate the past year.

On June 22, 1896, Muskegon Post No. 7 submitted the following: Question—An applicant for membership on transfer card is rejected by the Post. Should his rejection be endorsed on transfer card, returning the same to applicant? Opinion—No, Blue Book decision 3, R. B. B. Page 83, which reads as follows: "The rule governing the rejection of applicants for membership does not apply to application on transfer." Therefore the card is to be returned to the applicant without endorsement. He can apply to any other Post without consent from the one rejecting him.

On September 29, 1896, Major Lusk, Post No. 167, submitted the following inquiry: A comrade joins Post A, and is dropped from roll for non-payment of dues; several years after said comrade makes application and joins Post B; Post A demands of Post B \$1. Is Post B indebted to Post A, or not? Answer—Rules and Regulations, Section 4, Article 4, explicitly covers your question; the Post receiving a dropped member must forward to the Post from which member was dropped the amount of one year's dues; should the Post have disbanded then the Post receiving the comrade retains the dues.

February 8, 1897, John Cryderman, Post No. 112, submitted questions as follows: "Is it legal for a Post Com-

mander to call a visiting comrade to the chair of an absent officer?" Answer—Rules and Regulations and Blue Book do not show that such action of Post Commander is illegal, except as in Opinion 86, Page 137, Blue Book Edition 1895, it is shown that for the Commander to turn over the command of a Post to visiting member would be illegal.

Question No. 2—Would it in any way affect the legality of a meeting or business done with a visiting comrade acting as Adjutant. Answer—No; but will say it is not usual for a Post Commander to call visiting comrades to vacant chairs, if there are members of the Post present who can fill the vacancies.

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment, with congratulations for the peaceful and successful reign of your administration, and "may your shadow never grow less."

I remain, yours in F., C. & L.,

ROSCOE D. DIX,

Judge Advocate.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades Fay Wyckoff, Post 38; Willam T. Gage, Post 384, and R. B. Davis, Post 10.

The Department Inspector presented and read his report, which was as follows:

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, }
 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R., }
 DETROIT, March 19, 1897.

C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as the summary of the Assistant Inspector's reports, received by me during the past year:

Whole number of Posts in good standing Jan. 1, 1896.	373
Whole number of Posts disbanded.....	4
Number of Posts organized.....	6
Number of Posts reinstated.....	7
Number of Posts reporting.....	356
Number of Posts not reporting.....	26
Number of members in good standing.....	15,685
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified	176
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is in part exemplified	95
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is not properly exemplified	82
Number of Posts not reporting.....	3
Number of Posts in which officers and guards are uniformed and equipped.....	92
Number of Posts in which officers and guards are uniformed and equipped in part.....	73
Number of Posts in which officers and guards are not uniformed and equipped.....	187
Number of Posts not reporting.....	4
Number of Posts in which members are uniformed and equipped	27
Number of Posts in which members are uniformed and equipped in part.....	117
Number of Posts in which members are not uniformed and equipped	206
Number of Posts not reporting.....	6
Number of muskets owned by the Posts.....	2,196
Number of Posts where officers are regular in attendance	262
Number of Posts where officers are regular in attendance in part.....	63
Number of Posts where the officers are not regular in attendance	29
Number of Posts not reporting.....	2
Number of Posts where members are regular in attendance	172

Number of Posts where members are regular in attendance in part.....	118
Number of Posts where members are not regular in attendance	64
Number of Posts not reporting.....	2
Number of Posts that exhibit an interest in their work	288
Number of Posts that exhibit an interest in part.....	50
Number of Posts that do not exhibit an interest.....	18
Number of Posts in which the records are complete and well kept.....	340
Number of Posts in which the records are well kept in part only.....	12
Number of Posts in which the records are not complete and well kept.....	4
Number of Posts in which orders are received, read and filed	352
Number of Posts in which orders are not received, read and filed	4
Number of Posts in which orders are duly obeyed.....	344
Number of Posts in which orders are duly obeyed in part only	6
Number of Posts in which orders are not duly obeyed.....	6
Number of Posts that have forwarded all reports and dues	354
Number of Posts that have not forwarded all reports and dues	2
Amount charged for mustering, from \$1 to \$10.....	
Amount charged for annual dues, from 50 cents to \$6.....	
Number of Posts that have a relief fund.....	107
Number of Posts that do not have a relief fund.....	249
Amount in the relief funds.....	\$2,868 16
Amount expended for charity since last reports.....	\$3,040 38
Amount of money and securities in hands of Quartermasters	\$15,053 96
Value of other property owned by Posts.....	\$75,488 07
Number of Posts having a Womans' Relief Corps connected with them.....	233
Number of Posts not having a Womans' Relief Corps connected with them.....	123
Number of Posts having a Camp Sons of Veterans....	43
Number of Posts not having a Camp Sons of Veterans	313
Number of Posts where the prospects are good.....	215
Number of Posts where the prospects are fair.....	89
Number of Posts where the prospects are poor or on the decline	52
Number of school districts and wards reported.....	2,869
Number of school districts and wards reported supplied with United States flags.....	2,619
Number of school districts and wards reported not supplied with United States flags.....	250

In carefully reviewing the reports of the Assistant Inspectors of Posts, and in noting my observations from time to time during the past year, I am prompted to say that there is no evidence of brighter prospects for the membership of this Department.

We are growing old, the average age being about fifty-seven years, and about all that is left for the survivors of the War of the Rebellion is the social relations that exist in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty toward each other.

The Department, as a whole, has more than held its own during the year past. You will note a greater number of Posts in good standing, a natural falling off in the membership, but a stronger determination evidenced on the part of the survivors to close up the ranks, and to stand shoulder to shoulder until the final call to "Fall in" with the great majority gone before.

I note that a larger number of the Posts exhibit an increasing interest in their work, that the membership are united for their own best interests, and are accomplishing a great good; on the other hand there are Posts wherein strife exists, occasioned by the desire on the part of some of the members to satisfy an ambition for honors, and thereby inject into the organization methods that are personal, partisan, or political in character. "These things ought not to be." I suggest, that the members have the power to stop it.

I note an increase in the relief fund over the previous year, and also a decreased amount for charity. The amount of money in the hands of the Quartermasters and the accumulation of other property in excess of the last year, evidences a desire to provide for the future wants of those dependent upon us, to an extent at least.

I note the work and wonderful influence of the Woman's Relief Corps, in harmony with the work of the Posts. They are being more and more appreciated from year to year. They are cheerful and willing to continue in the good work, and it would appear to be our duty to encourage them in every way possible.

In closing allow me to thank the Assistant Inspectors for their earnest desire in most cases to make a thorough inspection and a good showing of their respective Posts, and I urge them to continue in well doing.

And now with most earnest and heartfelt thanks to the Department Commander for the high honor conferred upon me by appointment,

I am yours in F., C. & L.,

R. W. JACKLIN,

Department Inspector.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades F. Schneider, Post 42; E. P. Barnard, Post 266; Conrad Noll, Post 137.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was read by the Department Inspector, and was as follows:

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER, }
DETROIT, MICH., March 19, 1897. }

C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my annual report, as Chief Mustering Officer of the Department of Michigan.

On the 14th day of July, 1896, in obedience to special orders No. 4, Comrade William S. Little, Past Post Commander, with 16 comrades of Morgan L. Gage Post 375 of Saginaw, proceeded to Taymouth, Saginaw county, and there mustered and instituted John Ritchie Post No. 430, with 20 charter members, Thomas Boodger, Commander.

On the 18th day of July, 1896, in obedience to special orders No. 5, Comrade E. E. Giddings, Aide-de-Camp, with several comrades of Henry Dobson Post No. 182 of Fremont, proceeded to White Cloud, Newaygo county, and there mustered and instituted Gordon Post No. 366, with 16 charter members, Fred Baker, Commander.

On the 18th day of July, 1896, in obedience to special orders No. 3, and verbal orders given by the Department Commander while at Crystal Falls, Iron county, in June, 1896, Comrade Curtis Buck, Past Post Commander, residing at Ironwood, mustered and instituted Pleasanton

Post No. 429, with 14 charter members, at Ironwood, Gogebic county, Curtis Buck, Commander.

On the 31st day of July, 1896, in obedience to special orders No. 6, Comrade Alex. L. Patrick, Past Post Commander, with 13 comrades of Fairbanks Post No. 17 of Detroit, proceeded to Wayne, Wayne county, and there mustered and instituted Wayne Post No. 431, with 12 charter members, A. F. Smith, Commander.

On the 19th day of September, 1896, in obedience to special orders, Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, proceeded to Marine City, and there mustered and instituted Marine City Post No. 432, with 11 charter members, E. S. Jameson, Commander.

On the 19th day of November, 1896, as Chief Mustering Officer of this Department, assisted by comrades of Posts 17, 162, 184 and 384, all of Detroit, I mustered and instituted Gen. O. M. Poe Post No. 433, in the city of Detroit, with 19 charter members, R. W. Jacklin, Commander.

On the 24th day of February, 1897, in obedience to special orders No. 12, Comrade Asa Morse, Aide-de-Camp, with several comrades from Posts 81, 130 and 176, proceeded to McBrides, Montcalm county, and there mustered and instituted McCook Post No. 434, with 12 charter members, M. J. Christian, Commander.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

Z. B. GRAHAM,

Chief Mustering Officer, Dept. Mich., G. A. R.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades James R. Stephenson, Post 5; T. N. Stevens, Post 176; William G. Hudson, Post 15.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following telegram from the Commander-in-Chief:

OMAHA, NEB., April 7.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, Department Commander:

Just returned from the coast. Impossible to be with you. Greetings, and a successful meeting. Get off at Buffalo.

J. S. CLARKSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

The Encampment, on motion, took a recess to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the committee on Soldiers' Home was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and was as follows:

COLDWATER, MICH., Jan. 25, 1897.

C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

The committee duly appointed by the Department Commander to visit the Soldiers' Home, respectfully report, that on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, they met in Grand Rapids and proceeded early in the morning to the Home, and spent the day inspecting the same.

That although unexpected, your committee received a cordial reception by the Commandant and was accorded every facility desired for the examination of the books and records and for visiting and inspecting every department of the institution, and your committee visited individually and talked freely and privately with many of the comrades.

At that date there had been since the Home had been established two thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven admissions, and four hundred and seventy deaths. There were then six hundred and eighty-five members of the Home, ninety of whom were sick or otherwise disabled, in the hospital.

There was a fear expressed on the part of some that they might be discharged against their desire to make room for new applicants, but we were informed by the officers in charge that accommodations could be made for seven hundred, that none had been discharged or refused admission for lack of room, and it was thought such proceeding would not be necessary, at least during the present year, and that should the necessity arise only those would be discharged who could best take care of themselves.

In the women's annex were forty-one women, twelve of whom were sick and being cared for in the hospital. The annex has accommodations for fifty. Everything

Tabulated report of Memorial services, Department of Michigan, 1896.—Concluded.

Number of the Post reporting.	Number of Comrades graves decorated by the Post.	Number of Comrades buried by the Post during the year.	Number of Posts owning lots in the cemeteries.	Number of Comrades buried in the potter's field.	Number of Comrades' graves not properly marked.	Number of Posts holding Sunday Memorial services.	Number of other Posts participating.	Number of Posts holding Memorial Day services.	Number of Comrades taking part in the exercises.	Number of other organizations participating.	Total number uniting in Memorial Day services.	Name and address of the orator on Memorial Day, when the same was given in Post reports; or if no oration was given, the character of the exercises held by the Post on Memorial Day, when the same was given in Post reports.
375	37	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	200	6	525	Rev. Ira Billman, Saginaw, E. S., Mich.
377	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	3	450	Rev. E. L. Palmer, Rochester, Mich.
378	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	90	Services as given in ritual.
379	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	200	Rev. O. N. Henry, Address not given.
380	13	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	25	3	500	Rev. John Russell, New Haven, Mich.
381	9	2	1	1	12	1	1	1	20	1	200	Exercises as given in ritual.
382	24	1	1	2	10	1	1	1	50	3	160	Rev. Skentlebury, Address not given.
383	40	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	16	1	100	Rev. H. H. Phelps, Nardin, Mich.
384	15	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	75	10	300	Rev. Prall, Detroit, Mich.
386	15	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	15	1	300	C. H. Leaman, Farwell, Mich.
388	48	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	20	1	1,000	Hon. J. B. Perham, Spring Lake, Mich.
390	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	8	3	8	M. S. Mills, Address not given.
392	50	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	75	3	3,000	W. H. Frankhouser, Hillsdale, Mich.
393	7	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	10	9	10	United with other Detroit Posts.
394	23	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	10	1	10	No farther report of services.
395	170	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	50	1	1,000	Rev. W. D. Stratton, Grand Rapids, Mich.
396	11	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	17	2	130	W. M. Puffer, Manistee, Mich.
398	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	3	300	Decoration by Detail from Post.
399	7	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	20	3	430	William Russell, Northport, Mich.
401	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	200	No report from this Post.
402	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	66	Read Emory, Address not given.
404	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	2	66	Forest W. Smith, Plymouth, Mich.

405	24	1	1	2	5	1	1	25	300	B. Sawler, Ithaca, Mich. United with Posts Nos. 17 and 184. Revs. Lewis and White. No address given. Services entirely by Relief Corps. Stewart Gorton, Luzerne, Mich.
406	13	1	1	1	8	1	1	15	75	Hon. D. D. Atkin, Flint, Mich. Dr. W. Hessler. Address not given. Capt. Thatcher, Consul at Windsor, Can. Rev. Richbaum, Brooklyn, Mich. Rev. C. B. Clark, Sand Beach, Mich.
407	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	2,000	Rev. Linkin Ickers, Hastings, Mich. Rev. Pachett, Bay City, Mich. Mr. Burns, Stanton, Mich. No report from this Post. Decoration and services by ritual.
408									2,000	E. B. Taylor, Port Huron, Mich. Revs. Wright and Lew s. No address. Rev. M. Comer, Iron Mountain, Mich. Decorated by detail. No services.
409									450	
410	48	2	1	1	27	1	1	184	50	
411	17	1	1	1	18	1	1	15	2,000	
412	23	2	1	1	1	1	1	46	400	
413	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	32	
414	6				1	1	1	40	1,500	
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419	101	1	1	1	25	1	1	100	50	
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appeared to be in good condition and the occupants happy and contented.

Your committee believe after careful examination and diligent inquiry that the comrades are being well cared for, have good food and plenty of it, and are kindly treated, with only such discipline as is for their own best interests, the sick and disabled especially receiving in the hospital the best of medical attendance and nursing.

From the comrades themselves we heard no complaint whatever of their treatment. There was some complaint, as there was a year ago, in regard to general orders No. 7, which requires those receiving pensions to pay for their clothing in proportion to the amount of pension received. But in view of the showing made to the State by reason of the greater care taken of their clothing by the comrades, and the fact that the money received for such clothing is not now paid into the Post fund, but is paid to the treasurer for the benefit of the State, your committee is not prepared to say that the rule established by general orders No. 7 should be changed.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

N. A. REYNOLDS,

H. P. SHUTT,

ALBERT DUNHAM,

Committee.

Upon motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The Department Commander—The next in order is the report of committees.

The committee on Department Chaplain's Report presented the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Commander—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain, beg leave to submit that they most heartily commend the good work performed by that officer during the past year.

JAMES H. FAILING,

THOMAS BOODGER,

CARL ENGLE,

Committee.

Comrade Dix—I desire to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council of Administration be instructed to fix the time for the next meeting of this Encampment in the second week in the month of June.

The resolution was seconded.

Comrade Buck, Post 479—I don't want to oppose this resolution. While it will debar me from attending the Department Encampment, that is a matter of but little significance; but I want to ask whether it is not better to have the meeting of the Department Encampment earlier in the year, when those who are employed on the farms can be here. If we fix the time in June, men who are getting ready for haying and things of that kind cannot come. I want to ask why that time is thought better than earlier in the spring.

Comrade Dix—My desire for offering this resolution will be stated very briefly. I think that later in the season is far better for the health and comfort of the comrades. I think also if we meet in that month it will be after the comrades have received their pensions, and most of them will be in a better condition financially. The argument that has always been presented to us about the farmers, it seems to me, is not entitled to very great force. I am a farmer myself, although I have not worked at it very much. I see no force whatever in the argument. The farmer, when the most of us will live but a few years to attend these Encampments, occurring only once a year, can take a couple of days to attend the Encampment at a season of the year when health is not endangered, and where he will have the comforts of life, the weather will be good, and he can enjoy the occasion in every way. Besides, you know in that time of the year, you will be furnished with plenty of strawberry shortcake. I believe the farmers of this State will say, "We will yield all this, and say, later in the season." It is for the health and comfort of the comrades that I ask this.

Comrade Prine, Post 329—I am deadily opposed to the resolution, from the fact that I am a farmer, and I can come better the 1st of March. The 1st of June my corn has got to be cultivated. If I don't do it, it won't be

done. If the boys have got pretty good clothes, they can come better earlier, when they haven't so much to do. I would rather have it the 1st of February.

Comrade Judd, Post 5—I would offer as an amendment that the meeting be called the 15th of March. That is immediately after the payment of pensions, and the men will be in good shape. As the comrade says, if we adopt the middle of June, it will be utterly impossible for those who depend on a farm for their support to come. We in the cities can come at any time, but a great many are farmers, and depend on the cultivation of the farm for their support. I know they could not come. I should hate to have a convention without a farmer in it; there would be no life in it.

Comrade Guild, Post 158—If you fix it for a month following the payment of pensions you will have a good many of the boys that could not otherwise come; but they don't get their pensions until nearly up to the 15th or 20th. I move that it be made the 20th of March.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—How do you know that don't come on Sunday?

Comrade Guild—If it does come on Sunday, the Council of Administration can change it.

Comrade Aldrich, Post 157—I move as a substitute for the whole business that the Department Commander elect and his Assistant Adjutant General be empowered to fix the encampment at any time during the month of March, after the 15th of March.

The Department Commander—He has that power now; you will not add anything to the present rules.

Comrade Aldrich—I want it understood by the comrades here that he has that left with him.

Comrade Foote—I hope that the resolution offered by Comrade Dix will prevail. I believe, comrades, when you come to think this matter over, deep down in your hearts, that you will agree with the resolution. You know how it has been with us for the past eight or ten years when the Encampment has been held during the season that it has been held. You know how unpleasant the weather has been in almost every instance. You know the severe snow storms that we have had to endure. You also know, comrades, how anxious you are when you attend these Encampments to meet as many of your com-

rades as possible. I believe that if the Encampment is fixed for June, we will have double the attendance that we have had during the past several Encampments, for this reason: We are all stirred up on the 30th day of May by decorating the graves of our fallen heroes, and right upon the heels of that will come the Department Encampment. Our farmer comrades will have planted their corn and their potatoes. I know how it used to be with me when I was a farmer boy, how anxious I was that a circus would come along after we planted corn, so that we could go to it, father and all. I believe it will be a good excuse. I believe your wives will accept that excuse to take a day off and go to the Encampment in the month of June, the month of roses.

The substitute of Comrade Aldrich, the amendment of Comrade Guild to the amendment of Comrade Judd, and the amendment of Comrade Judd to the original resolution of Comrade Dix, were each in turn voted upon by the Encampment, and lost. Then the resolution of Comrade Dix was adopted.

Comrade Gardner, Post 210—We have with us today a comrade who was a participant in the Florida war and in the war with Mexico, and in the war for the Union—a man who was a comrade and a member of the same regiment with Gen. Grant, two years his senior, when Grant was a lieutenant in the regular army. Grant fell sick and the wife of the comrade, whose name I will mention, together with the comrade himself, nursed the future great commander back to life, when both were on a trip across the continent. We have this comrade with us today, 77 years old. I think, sir, it is due to him and to ourselves that he be invited to a seat upon the platform, and I move that Comrade Daboll be invited to escort Comrade Major J. D. Elderkin to the platform, that the boys may see what we are going to be 25 years from now.

The Department Commander—It will require no motion to be put, as I take it to be the unanimous wish of the Encampment that Comrade Daboll be invited to escort Comrade Elderkin to the platform.

Comrade Elderkin, amid the applause of the delegates, was escorted to the platform by Comrade Daboll.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure and

honor of introducing to you Comrade Major Elderkin, whose services in connection with that of others gave our country more territory than we originally had with the thirteen colonies.

Comrade Elderkin—You will have to excuse me, for I am not accustomed to making speeches, but my heart is with you. I have been in the army since 1839. Since 1839 I have served 14 years with the Fifteenth Infantry; went to Florida, and served in the Mexican war. When the Rebellion broke out, I served in the First Michigan Infantry, and the Fifth Michigan Infantry. I am glad to meet you all here. I wish I could make a good speech to you. I am incompetent, so I hope you will excuse me.

Comrade Buck, Post 79—I desire to offer a series of resolutions for which I shall ask the immediate attention of the Encampment, if my motion to adopt be seconded. The resolutions are these:

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State are earnestly requested to favor the passage of an act of Congress providing for the detail of officers and non-commissioned officers of the army to act as inspectors of the organizations of the American Guard;

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent by the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State.

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the present legislature to pass an act to provide for and encourage military education in the public schools of this State;

I move the adoption of the resolutions.

The motion to adopt was seconded.

Comrade Buck—Comrades, the subjects of these resolutions is one that needs more than passing attention. We echoed in our hearts this morning the sentiment of the inspecting officer that we are growing old—physically growing old. However young we may have kept our hearts, the years are passing by. Upon our heads has fallen the snow that never melts; and we can no more restore to our frames the elasticity of youth than we can clothe the trees of winter with the verdant leaves of spring. We are passing away. Yet our duties remain; we have something yet to do. There is one thing at least we can do. In the battle of Chickamauga, when the attack of Longstreet's legions upon a portion of our lines was so heavy that hardly could mortal man endure it, the

colonel of a regiment gave the order to retreat. As the boys slowly and sullenly retreated, Gen. Steadman rode forward. Now Comrade Gardner, I hope, won't think that I am going to tell his story. I respect the caveat that any man has in his story. I find no fault with anyone who tells my story, if he tells it right. If he makes the point, I have no objection; but if he don't, I object. Gen. Steadman rode forward and inquired who was in command. The men pointed out the colonel. Steadman says:

"Halt your men; why are you retreating? Face the enemy."

"General, we have done all that mortal man can do."

"No, you haven't, confound your pictures; you haven't died yet."

There is one thing yet left for us to do. As I have said, we have duties yet to be performed—among them a duty as strong and forceful as that of fraternity, charity and loyalty. Now I am glad that in fraternity and charity, those virtues which we exercise toward our comrades, and which we ask the Nation as a Nation to exercise towards our comrades, we have so much to encourage us. Whatever may be our political ideas, whatever we may think of monetary affairs, I believe there is no comrade who feels any regret that for the first time in the history of this Nation a private soldier, one who carried the musket and felt the grip of the knapsack, is in the executive chair. Certainly no comrade has reason to regret that he has appointed as Commissioner of Pensions a man who, within the last 48 hours, has declared that his heart, his soul, and his sympathies are with his comrades in the War of the Rebellion, and that so far as his department is concerned, all the pension laws upon the statute book of our Nation shall receive a liberal construction in favor of the veteran soldier. We have something yet to do along this line, but this is a digression. I heartily endorse the sentiment in the Department Commander's report, that we ought to have a service pension.

We ought always, comrades, to exercise these virtues, and yet we ought not to forget that the crowning virtue, the crowning principle, of the Grand Army of the Republic is loyalty—loyalty to our country and its every inter-

est—that patriotism which is above every earthly thing. Now, as I said, we are passing away. We stand as monitors of a generation that is gone. And looking out upon the future, we may ask, What shall come after us? What did we fight for? Our country, but not its lakes, and its mountains, and its rivers, its territory or its wealth. We didn't fight for the Mississippi river, nor Lake Superior, nor broad acres; we fought for the manhood of this country. Our opponents were degrading the manhood of the Nation, and especially American labor. They sought to build a structure the corner stone of which should be the degradation of human labor; and we shouldered our muskets and grasped the saber in order to build a solid foundation for the ennobling of human labor—that every laboring man might be the peer of every man in this Nation, and that no matter how poor a man might be nor how obscure, he should count for as much in this Nation as the man with the most wealth or in the highest position in the land; we fought for manhood. And now we should look out for the manhood of the generation that is to come after us.

I earnestly and honestly believe that there is nothing on earth that can elevate manhood in this country in the future like military instruction in the public schools of our cities. I will tell you why. We want it in the first place for the physical culture of our boys. We send our boys to the university and to the colleges, where they have gymnasiums. But all boys can't go to a university or to a college. I believe thoroughly in athletics for our young men, for the development of the physical nature, so that as men they may stand strong and erect in their physical development. Now, I believe there is nothing on earth that will better tend toward this than military instruction. A writer in one of the magazines not long since said that without some military education there is not a young man who can rise from his seat, go across the room, turn around and come back and sit down again, and do it as he ought to. And he is right. And there is nothing on earth, as every comrade within the sound of my voice knows, that better develops the physical man than military instruction. We want it for that reason in the rural districts and smaller towns away from the cities to take the place of the athletic exercises that are

furnished in the colleges. Give the poor boy a chance. And we want it for the moral qualities that it will engender in the minds of our youth. I need not say it to you, comrades, but I want you to bear it in your minds, and to take home with you this thought, that a military education engenders the very highest moral qualities. In the first place, it will be remembered that the cardinal principles of all military education are obedience, courage, truth. The very first thing that the soldier has to learn, is to obey. And I want to tell you that the danger which threatens our Nation most today is lawlessness that respects not the Nation nor National authority. It was that which we had to fight—rebellion against National authority. We want to instil in the minds of our youth this truth, that the power of this Nation, of this government—a government of the people, for the people, and by the people—is a power to be respected; and when the people have spoken at the ballot-box or elsewhere, that that power is to be respected and obeyed at once. Just as we who were private soldiers complied with the request of the commanding officer who accompanied us on an expedition; we didn't stop to present our excuses, but we went at once. It was the spirit of obedience in the heart and mind of the soldier that enabled Grant to take his army in front of Petersburg, and swing it slowly to the right, until it enveloped Lee. Were any of you boys on Round Top at Gettysburg? If you were, you remember when Warren climbed that height, and saw the point of danger, and saw Longstreet's legions marching up and up to battle, the commanding officer gave the order, "On the right by files into line!" Did they do it? No. That was where the qualities of the men to obey were connected with the intelligence of the American soldier. They went to their places in the face of the legions, and hurled back the enemy. They obeyed the order, but in their own way. So we want this principle of obedience in our youth.

Then courage. I don't mean physical courage; there is no occasion for it in this country; but high moral courage. People talk about war as if it were the triumph of brute force. Whatever it may have been when they fought with swords and bludgeons, and with spears, now every man within the sound of my voice knows that in the

war of the rebellion it was the height of moral courage to march under the fire of the enemy, ready to die for this country and its flag. That was the highest exhibition of moral courage that the world has ever seen. And that high moral courage that will enable the youth to do and dare, and if need be, die, for his country, is what we want instilled in the minds of the youth of today.

Above all, we want the love of truth. In civil life, we call witnesses to the stand and administer oaths. In the army how often was a parole taken and the word passed upon honor. What was a parole? It was a word of honor; nothing else. And we want our boys so instructed in the love of truth that their word will be as good as their oath; that when they say a thing, it will stand for the truth; and that they would not lie for all the kingdoms of the earth and the glory thereof. Not only so that our boy would not speak a lie but would not act a lie or live a lie—so that he will be the embodiment of truth in all its fullness. So I say to you, it is for these high moral qualities that I ask that military instruction be given in the public schools of this country.

Some things may be said in opposition to this. It may be said it cultivates a warlike spirit. It does not; that is a mistake. There is a vast difference between a military spirit and a warlike spirit, as every comrade here knows. The military spirit is that spirit which will enable every boy in school to know that he must obey if he would be a good boy, and it is that spirit which deprecates war. If I were to put it to a vote here today, whether we should have arbitration or war, you would not get five votes out of this assemblage for war. You are men who know what war means; you have been through it. I have never been in any assemblage where that question was presented but that those who were foremost for arbitration were men who had served in the army. We want our government prepared for war, if war must come. A member of the legislature said to me a short time ago that that which gave this country the standing which it has among foreign nations is the fact that there are living today so many men who fought in the armies of this country during the War of the Rebellion. That is true. We have had a little interna-

tional contest with Great Britain over the Venezuela question. It was the case of a big man pitching on a little boy. Uncle Sam quietly said, "John Bull, wouldn't you better arbitrate?" Had we been in the situation we were in in '61, Great Britain would have said, "We have nothing to arbitrate. You go to Jericho." Uncle Sam, knowing there were still living so many veterans of the North and South, said, "I think you would better arbitrate," and Great Britain finally concluded that there was something to arbitrate.

We don't want a vast standing army eating up the resources of the people. We don't want the military systems of the old world, which make everybody perform military service for the government. What we do want is an organization in the public schools in this State, which will furnish to the boys of the country the elements of a military education. Then, if the time ever comes that we must have war, all through this land it will be as in '61 to '65, the farmer, and mechanic, and professional man, will leave his vocation, fall in line, take his musket or saber, and be ready. Then we will have thousands and tens of thousands of disciplined men, ready to die, if it shall be required. I tell you, if we are in that situation, we need not fear war. There isn't a nation on the face of the earth that would ever dare to attack us. We can afford to be just, we can afford to be honest. There is nothing in the objection urged on this account.

Now, the first of these resolutions asks our senators and representatives to support a bill which will be introduced soon, if it is not already introduced, into the National Congress, to provide for a detail of officers and non-commissioned officers of the army to inspect organizations of the American Guard, to be organized in our public schools. A bill of the like nature was introduced in the last Congress, and it met this fate—I shall have to explain a little in order to make it clear—it was referred to the military committee. The military committee were all in favor of it, every man was for reporting the bill favorably; but towards the close of Congress they got into this kind of a deadlock: The Speaker of the House, Mr. Reed, was determined that no bills requiring appropriations, unless absolutely necessary, should come before the House; and he was the autocrat of that body,

if you remember. The military committee was ready to report this bill, but ahead of it was a bill for the reorganization of the army, and that carried with an appropriation, and he would not receive it. The committee insisted that the bills should be taken up in their order, and finally Congress adjourned without anything being done. But a bill will be introduced in this Congress of a similar nature for the inspection of the American Guard, an organization of our boys in the public schools.

I want to say that this is an important thing with these boys, to have once each year an officer of the army to come and look them over, and see if they are in good shape. That is the first resolution.

Now, the next asks our representatives in the State legislature to vote for a bill to provide for and encourage military education in the public schools. Our Comrade Foote, Quartermaster General, introduced such a bill, and the last I knew of it it was in the hands of the military committee of the House. I have some reason to think it will be favorably reported. It should be passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and signed by the Governor. It will put military education in the schools, under the patronage and watchful eye and support of the people of the State of Michigan. There is where we want it. I want to say to you, comrades, whether that bill passes or whether it does not, let us in our daily life talk about patriotism; and I ask you that you talk about this matter of military education with the educational authorities of the State. I ask you to do it now. Whatever may be the fate of this bill, whether it shall pass or shall not pass. Ask them kindly and respectfully to see to it. Go to the teachers especially in the high schools of the State, and ask them to favor it. Go to the boys and get them interested in it. I tell you, there is work along this line, if we do our work thoroughly; and there is no one else on the face of the earth to do this work except us. Now, we may do this, comrades. And I say to you, that from now until the next National Encampment, my time and my efforts, as far as they can be put forth, will be in behalf of this project. If you will take hold of it, I believe we can make great progress within the next year; and if year by year we

stand true, not only to our comrades but to the generations to come, when the time comes that we shall pass away, the last view that our eyes shall take of this earth will be the flag floating in its glory, the emblem of a great, free, brave, prosperous people, the pride of the nations and the crown of the ages.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 413—Comrades, I have listened with some interest and attention to the comrade's remarks in regard to military training in our public schools; but let me say to you before you pass a resolution asking the consent of the present body at Lansing to pass a bill of that kind, that you should inquire what that bill is. That bill provides that every boy over 12 or 13 and under 17 or 18 years of age shall wear a uniform. The boys who do not wear a uniform cannot belong to that club. It is an injustice upon the toiling masses of this State, the building up of an organization for a select few. I have the honor to be on the military committee of the Senate, and I have seen the bill, and have carefully, with the rest of the committee, gone over it. And the gentleman who introduced the bill, when he saw it brought before the committee, asked the committee to put it in the pigeon-hole, and not to attempt to impose it on the people of this State.

Comrade Buck—The comrade entirely misapprehends the bill. The bill that I refer to has not such a provision. It has no provision requiring uniforms or equipments. It simply provides that in school districts where the board of education chooses to do so, they may appropriate a very small sum out of the district funds for the purchase of report books, uniforms, etc., for the boys. It does not require anything of the kind. I don't think in nine cases out of ten it would ever be done; it only permits it if they see fit to; and it restricts the district very closely to the amount to be expended. Very likely the comrade has seen some other bill, with which I am not familiar.

Comrade Smith, Post 211—I move that the resolutions be laid on the table.

The motion to lay upon the table was seconded and put to the house, whereupon Comrade Hopkins, Post 384, called for a division of the house, and the division having

been called, Comrade Hopkins called for a division of the question upon the resolutions. The Department Commander declared the motion to table to have been carried.

Comrade Hopkins—I move you that the resolutions be taken from the table, and be divided, that we may vote for the one or the other of them, as we choose—some of us would like to vote for one and not for the other.

Comrade Smith, Post 211—I move that the motion to take from the table be tabled.

Seconded, and carried, on a division of the house.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, most respectfully say that we have had the same under consideration, and find it very comprehensive, able and correct. We fully endorse the recommendations therein contained referring to the printing and binding of the original records of the first, second, third and fourth years of our organization. Your committee also endorses the recommendation of the Assistant Adjutant General in regard to consolidating the offices of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General in one person, and recommend that the salary of the consolidated offices be fixed at the sum of \$1,200 per annum. Your committee desires to take this occasion to highly commend the faithful, efficient and valuable service of the Assistant Adjutant General during the past year, rendered during the time when the shadow of the death of his loved wife hung over him, and most earnestly assure our Comrade Pond of the kindly and loving sympathy of every member of our grand Order in this Department.

M. A. MERRIFIELD,

J. C. BONTECOU,

O. PALMER,

Committee.

The committee on the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander's report submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander respectfully submit that he has done a grand work for the good of our Order and has exemplified a spirit of F., C. & L.

GEO. M. DOTY,
T. M. CHAMPLIN,
S. H. MALLORY,
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

GREENVILLE, MICH., April 7, 1897.

To Commander:

Your committee on the report of the Medical Director has met and approved the report, and, further, recommend that it be accepted.

We find that the Medical Director has filled the duties of his office with care and precision, and hope that he may live many years to enjoy a bright and prosperous future.

S. J. LAWRENCE,
WM. MEARS,
A. H. HUYCK,
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Chief Mustering Officer reported as follows, the report of the committee being unanimously adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Chief Mustering Officer would respectfully report they have examined the same and find it correct, and recommend the adoption of the report.

J. R. STEPHENSON,
T. N. STEVENS,
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Inspector made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

GREENVILLE, MICH., April 7, 1897.

Commander:

Your committee on the Department Inspector's report beg leave to report that it has carefully examined said report and find it very complete, systematic and thorough. That it shows that the Department Inspector has given the matter a great deal of attention and performed his duties with great ability and fidelity to detail. Your committee therefore unanimously recommend the adoption of the report.

F. SCHNEIDER,
Chairman.
EZRA P. BARNARD,
CONRAD NOLL,
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate would respectfully submit they have carefully examined the same, concur in the opinions and recommend the adoption of the report.

FAY WYCKOFF,
WM. T. GAGE,
R. B. DAVIS,
Committee.

Comrade Barrett, Post 238—I have a resolution, if I can find it. It reads like this—something like a petition and a resolution, or a resolution and petition, whichever way you are a mind to call it:

To his Excellency, William McKinley:

WHEREAS, It has been the expressed sense of the various national conventions that the old soldier should be preferred in the way of civil appointment; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the old soldiers of Michigan, at the Nineteenth Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Greenville, Michigan, humbly petition you to use your influence to have your old comrades appointed as postmasters and other civil officers.

I move you that it be accepted.

The motion was seconded, and carried.

Comrade Claxton, Post 17—You are aware that we have a soldiers' relief commission, and in the large cities like ours—Detroit—it is of great value; and I wish to offer the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, A bill is now pending in the State Legislature to change the present system of Soldiers' Relief Commission, and

WHEREAS, The law having been amended through the efforts of Comrade O. A. Janes in the legislative session of 1895 and

WHEREAS, Said law as amended having proved satisfactory in its workings; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, do hereby pray that no change be made to the present law; further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each, the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives for presentation to the respective bodies.

The resolutions were seconded.

Comrade Wellington, Post 90—I am also a member of one of those relief commissions, and before voting on this question I would like to ask the comrade what change is proposed in the law. He says a change is proposed; there are some changes that I think would be a great benefit.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7—I would respectfully ask that Comrade Claxton give us some information. If there are amendments to be made to the law which are injurious to it, we should know it; if they are the other way, we should know it, if it is possible to get any light on the subject. If Comrade Claxton can give us any information, I will be thankful.

Comrade Jibb, Post 45—The bill is to take the work in the hands of the county commission and put it in the hands of a township commission, and thereby relieve the townships who don't happen to have any of the boys with them, of the tax. I oppose the bill, and favor the resolutions.

Comrade Foote—As the proposed changes in the law are asked for, perhaps I can give them to you, so far as they relate to the bill which has been introduced in the House. The law as it now stands, you know, provides for the spreading of a tax throughout the county, and that the taxes shall be raised and the funds paid by the

county treasurer. The proposed change in the House bill is that it be put back, and each township raise a sufficient amount, and that it be allowed to each township to decide how much they desire. This is all wrong, for the reason, as is well known, that the great majority of our dependent soldiers, or indigent soldiers, have congregated in our larger towns, and if the present amendments to the law pass, the great burden of the support of our poor soldiers will be placed upon the cities and larger towns. When we enlisted it was not asked whether we were from the village or a city. If there is a town so poor and so mean that it will not bear the raising of a one mill tax for the support of an indigent soldier, we want to know it. I hope that the resolution will prevail.

Comrade Hicks, Post 87—I understand that not only the change suggested by the comrade is proposed, but that this pittance is to be dealt out by the poormaster in each township. I don't think there ought to be a vote in this whole assemblage against this resolution. I hope it will carry.

Comrade Thomas, Post 159—I don't understand this. Last year we had a township soldiers' relief fund, and the money was raised in our town and not in the territory adjacent to it. If it is the case as suggested, I would like to know how it is done.

The Department Commander—If you did it, you did it without authority of law.

Comrade Thomas—I would like to fully understand this.

Comrade Foote—I can only repeat what I said, that the present law is that the tax raised shall be paid into the county treasury, and if the tax has been spread as stated by the comrade who asked the question, it was without authority of law.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General—The resolution with reference to postmasters (Comrade Barrett's) has only been accepted, and therefore goes no further—it can go no further.

Comrade Humphrey, Post 45—As I came through Lansing this morning a package was put in my hands with the request that I present the matter to this Encampment and ask action. You will recollect, all of you, that a

short time ago there was an executive order which provided that pensions heretofore paid at Detroit should, after the 1st of September, be paid at Indianapolis. There has been passed by our Legislature a concurrent resolution asking our Senators and Representatives in Congress to take such action as they see fit to have that order rescinded, and the pension office continued in Detroit. I will read you the resolution, which is the summing up of the matter.

Resolved, That this House (the Senate concurring), request the Senators and Representatives from Michigan to use all honorable means to secure a revocation of said order.

I move you, Commander, if it be the pleasure of the Encampment, that the Assistant Adjutant General endorse upon the back of this resolution, which is a certified copy of that which passed the two houses of the Legislature, "Approved by the Department Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.," and forward the same to our members of Congress for their action.

Comrade Daboll, Post 156—The substance of this resolution, comrades, is in the Department Commander's address, which has been referred to the committee on the Department Commander's report. I move you that this be referred to the same committee. It will reach the same end. I do not wish to be understood as in any way opposing this resolution, but the report on the Department Commander's address will reach the same end in another way.

The Department Commander—If there is no objection, the resolution will be so referred.

Comrade Barrett, Post 238—I ask to add to that petition which I offered that a copy of the petition be sent to the Hon. William McKinley.

Comrade Gardner, Post 210—I have a resolution I would like to read and offer.

Resolved, That as a part of the proceedings, of this and subsequent annual Encampments, and as supplemental thereto, there be published a brief and intelligent account of the preparations made to receive, and of the public meetings held under the auspices of the citizens where the Encampment takes place.

So far as I know, in none of our annual Encampment proceedings as published is there a word or line to show

that this Department was ever paid any attention whatever by any of the citizens in any place wherein we have met from year to year. It is well known by those of you who have had experience, that it means no little expense, and care, and labor, and anxiety, to make the necessary preparations and carry them out, to make the civil side of our meetings a success. This means a recognition on the part of the Grand Army of our allies, the loyal men and women of all the places wherein our meetings are held. Then, again, as Lowell said of our great captains,

"Soon these all are gone."

Soon the last Encampment will be held, the last published proceedings will be written and published. Then what? Where will be the evidence to our children and our children's children for a hundred and five hundred years to come? In the hearts of the loyal sons and daughters of Michigan there was a loyalty, and love, and devotion, after the great strife, as they marched down to the silent camping ground. I move that the resolution be adopted.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Phillips, Post 19—I move you that the session of this Encampment on tomorrow morning commence at 9 o'clock, and that the election of officers for the ensuing year be made the special order for 9:30.

Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Barrett, Post 238—The motion that I made last was supported by two.

The Department Commander—As I understand, the motion was to send a copy of the resolution offered by the comrade to the President of the United States, the Hon. William McKinley.

The motion prevailed.

Comrade Dickerman, Post 168—I desire to offer the following:

WHEREAS, Certain of our comrades of the late civil war are deprived of our association, the Grand Army of the Republic, by the last clause of article 4 of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is as follows: No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That said article No. 4 be amended by striking out the last clause above mentioned.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the National Encampment to work for the above amendment.

Comrade Shattuck, Post 42—I move that the resolution do lie upon the table.

Seconded, and carried. The resolution was tabled.

Comrade Daboll—A resolution was sent up a moment ago by the comrade upon the right (Barrett), and after it had been offered the Encampment decided by a vote to accept it. A minute or two after that you voted to send it to William McKinley at Washington. No doubt he would be glad to get it. I understand he don't have to exceed 10,000 pieces of mail on such subjects each day. I apprehend that the comrade wants the Department to adopt that before it is sent, so when it gets there it will be the motion of the Encampment. I only call attention to it that the comrade and the Encampment may understand what is being done. Simply sending it to President McKinley would not carry with it the endorsement of the Encampment.

Comrade Phillips—I think that many of the comrades voted for the resolution and that it be sent to the President under a misunderstanding, thinking it was the resolution offered by the comrade on my right (Humphrey). I thought at the time that many of us were confused in the matter; I know that I was partially so. I move, therefore, that the motion to send this resolution to President McKinley be reconsidered.

Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Kidd, Post 211—I desire to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, George Anderson, who was for many years a faithful and honest agent of the Pension Department, was summarily removed by Commissioner Lochren, for what was at most a technical and venial error, and which, in view of long and meritorious service, ought in any event to have been overlooked; and

WHEREAS, The said George Anderson is a veteran of the war and a member in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as a high minded and honorable gentleman; therefore

Resolved by the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, That we do most respectfully petition the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions to reinstate the said George Anderson in the position for which he is so admirably fitted, both by training and by temperament, and from which he was so unjustly removed;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Assistant Adjutant General to the Commissioner of Pensions, with such a communication as in his judgment may aid in securing favorable consideration thereon.

I desire to say just one word in support of this resolution. When I had the honor to represent this Department as its Commander, on a certain occasion Mr. Anderson visited the town in which I live, and came to me as the Department Commander, and also as a man who had recently been removed summarily from the position of postmaster in the town, and handed me a letter which had been written by a citizen of our town, stating that about twelve or fifteen pensioners of that town were either drawing too much pension, or ought not to draw any pension at all. Not thinking that I might unwittingly do Mr. Anderson an injustice, I was incautious enough to mention the fact so that it came to the ears of some of these pensioners, most of whom were the neighbors and friends of the man who wrote the letter. Mr. Anderson was immediately reported to the Pension Department for a violation of his duties in exposing a confidential communication, and through the fault of the Department Commander, in unwittingly letting it be known that he had shown that letter, he lost his position—a position which every pensioner in Western Michigan knows that for many years he had filled with conscientious duty and fidelity, and with the most friendly spirit towards the pensioners of Michigan. A man was sent on to investigate the matter. When I found what I had done, I destroyed the evidence that I had in my possession of what this citizen of my town had done. Now I ask this Encampment, with my help, to undo the wrong that was done to Mr. Anderson for doing a thing which he simply did in the interest of those 12 or 15 pensioners—men who were honestly entitled to the pensions which had been awarded them, which, upon the theory of this Encampment, were vested rights. I move, Department Commander, that this resolution be adopted.

The motion was seconded.

The Department Commander—I desire myself to make a personal explanation. That information came into my possession probably originally through Comrade Kidd. I used it publicly in the State in behalf of the pensioners

of the State of Michigan and of the United States, and it was because of that use in public that this man was removed. Men all over the State at that time, in the hope of gaining a little popularity with the man at the White House, were reporting the comrades throughout the entire State. When that came to me I hardly knew whether it was a breach of confidence or not. I used the information publicly, and the man lost his place; but I finally succeeded in having the other gentlemen lose their places.

Comrade Foote—I desire to say one word for my Comrade Anderson. For six long years he and I labored together in the pension office, both as examiners at the desk and as special examiners in the field. I say to you that no more loyal comrade lives than Comrade Anderson. No man who ever was appointed special examiner did more faithful work towards his comrades in eliciting the truth and in advancing meritorious cases than Comrade Anderson.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Judd, Post 5—I want to call the attention of the comrades to that vote to lay upon the table the resolution for the amendment of the by-laws, and I wish to make a motion that it be taken from the table. Before the motion is put, I would like the privilege of saying a few words, so the comrades will understand what they are doing.

The motion to take from the table was seconded.

Comrade Judd—I want to say this before you vote: There are cases—there are many cases here in the State of Michigan—in our own city there are several cases of men who were forced to serve in the Southern army in the breaking out of the rebellion, and as soon as they were able to get away they left, and went in our army, and served faithfully. We have had the application of as good men as there are on the face of the earth, but still they could not make affidavit that they had not borne arms against the Union. I know of one whole regiment that went into the Southern army, and as soon as they got an opportunity they went out and entered into the service of the United States, and served faithfully for three years. I would say that such men we ought to admit.

Comrade Kinsey, Post 90—There are many men who are as good soldiers as any of us who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic. I do not think it is working so great a hardship to those men, loyal though they may have been and still are, that we should change one of the fundamental principles of our association for that purpose. It makes a break in our laws like a break in the Mississippi, and with the weather as it is now, it will sweep us out, if we make even one break like this.

The Assistant Adjutant General—This matter has been before the National Encampment more than once, and it has been voted down by a unanimity so great, every time, that if the comrade had heard it, he would not have brought it up at this time.

Comrade Merrifield, Post 88—It has been before this Encampment on several occasions, and it has been voted down every time, and it ought now to be voted down for good. As my comrade suggested, if you open the door a little ways, it will get open further. In other words, if you pass this resolution, it won't be three years before two-thirds of the Confederates will be in the Grand Army of the Republic. I am not in favor of it.

A Comrade—I want to say this: that I want the Grand Army badge that lays on my breast when I am put into the ground to be an absolute, final, and everlasting evidence of the fact that I never bore arms against my country.

The motion to take from the table was lost.

Comrade Sherman, Post 98—For the purpose of bringing it before the Encampment, not desiring to prevent a fair consideration of the matter, I desire to move that the next meeting of this Department Encampment be held at Port Huron.

Comrade Cook, Post 42, supported the motion.

The Department Commander stated that he had in his possession an invitation from the city of Detroit for the Department to meet next year in that city.

Comrade Little, Post 90, opposed the selection of Port Huron.

Comrade Gage, Post 384, stated that although the comrades in Detroit were not extending this invitation—that it came from the Chamber of Commerce—the comrades, though willing to entertain the Department, would prefer

to wait until the Memorial Hall was completed before extending an invitation to the Encampment.

Comrade Parker, Post 17, stated that the invitation did not come from the Posts of Detroit, but if the Encampment desired to go there, of course they would be entertained.

The motion to select Port Huron as the place of the next Encampment unanimously prevailed. Recess to tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at the hour to which it had taken a recess, 9 a. m., with the Department Commander in the chair.

The Department Commander—Is the Committee on the Department Commander's report ready to report?

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269—Commander, it is.

The Junior Vice Department Commander took the chair.

Comrade Tomlinson presented the report of the committee upon the Report of the Department Commander, which was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander respectfully submit the following:

First. They recommend that the Posts of the Department examine with care their lists of suspended members and those long in arrears, and drop such members from their rolls as referred to by the Commander.

Second. We earnestly recommend that all members of the Grand Army be interested in the communities where they reside, in the effort to so educate public sentiment, that games and sports will not be allowed on Memorial

Day, and that its observance be held solely in honor of the Nation's dead.

Third. We concur in the conclusion of the Department Commander, that the time has come when our organization may consistently ask for the enactment of a service pension law, and we therefore recommend that it is the sense of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. assembled in its Nineteenth Annual Encampment, that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State be requested to use their efforts and influence to secure the passage at the earliest possible moment of a just and fair Service Pension Law, and that this portion of this report be furnished each member of Congress from this State by the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department.

Fourth. Regarding that portion of the Commander's report relating to the annulment of the Detroit Pension Agency, we recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, President Cleveland, on his retirement from office, by executive order, consolidated the Detroit Pension Agency with the Indianapolis agency, to take effect September 1st next; and

WHEREAS, Such consolidation would prevent as prompt payment of quarterly pensions to Michigan pensioners as now obtains; and

WHEREAS, The number of pensioners on the roll of the Detroit agency at present equals the number of any time during the existence of the agency;

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled, most earnestly protest against such consolidation, and request the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use all honorable means to prevent the removal of the Detroit Pension Agency to Indianapolis.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished each member of Congress from this State by the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department.

Fifth. Upon the subject of Outposts, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Thirtieth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, as shown on pages 180, 181, 250 and 251 of the Journal of said Encampment, authorized Departments to provide that Posts may divide their membership into resident and non-resident members, and the same having been recommended by the Department Commander in his address; therefore

Resolved by this Encampment, That Posts in this Department are hereby authorized to divide their membership into two

classes, resident and non-resident, as provided in Section 11, Article 2, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations.

Sixth. Relative to that portion of the report treating of Patriotic and Military Instruction in the schools, your committee are thoroughly and heartily in sympathy with the suggestions of the Department Commander therein enunciated and we recommend the adoption of the same and also the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State are requested to favor the passage of an act by Congress providing for the detail of officers and non-commissioned officers of the army to act as inspectors of the organizations of the American Guard.

Seventh. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic recognize the worth to them of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the value of the work they are doing in charity, and the spread of Patriotic teaching. This Encampment sends to them greeting and join one and all in the prayer of the Department Commander, that God may bless each and every member of that noble organization.

Eighth. The report of the Department Commander, touching the Sons of Veterans is none too emphatic, and we recommend they not only be encouraged, but aided, in their efforts to further their organization, by the members of the Grand Army to the extent of their influence and power.

Ninth. Relative to that portion of the report treating of pending legislation concerning appropriations to build a kitchen to the Woman's Annex to the Soldiers' Home, and woman representation on the Home Board of Managers, your committee deems it unwise at this time for this Encampment to take any action relative thereto.

Tenth. Your committee recommend the purchase by the incoming administration of a suitable Past Department Commander's badge to be presented to the present Department Commander, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of thirty-five dollars.

In conclusion, your committee deem it due to the Department Commander, that this Encampment, representing the entire membership of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan, extend to him in behalf of that membership, and of all the soldiers and sailors in the State, most hearty thanks for the ability, zeal and loyalty

with which he has guarded the interests of the Veterans and performed the duties of his office. The trust we gave into his hands he has returned undiminished and untarnished.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

O. TOMLINSON,
GEO. A. RUSSELL,
R. H. GIBSON,
AUGUSTUS WILCOX,
HIRAM SACKETT,

Committee.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The committee on the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, has had the same under consideration, have examined the books and vouchers in his hands and find the same correct and would recommend the adoption of the report.

WM. A. TURCK,
ALBERT DUNHAM,
Committee.

Comrade Aldrich, Post 157—I have a resolution which I wish to present to the Encampment at this time. It is as follows:

WHEREAS, There is now pending in Congress a bill for the relief of our comrades who suffered in rebel prisons during the suspension of the cartel; and

WHEREAS, We believe that these comrades are in every respect worthy of the benefits they would thereby receive should this bill become a law; therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of this Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, assembled at Greenville, Michigan, on this eighth day of April, 1897 do most earnestly urge upon our Senators and Representatives in Congress that they use all honorable means to secure the passage of the aforesaid bill at the earliest date possible;

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department be and is hereby instructed to mail to each Senator and Representative in Congress from this State a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That our Representatives to the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, which meets in Buffalo, New York, in August next, be and are hereby instructed to present to, and if possible by honorable means secure the adoption by that Encampment, preamble and resolutions in accord with the sentiment contained in the foregoing, which said resolutions shall urge upon the committee on pensions which shall be elected by that Encampment to endeavor by all honorable means in their power, to secure the passage by Congress of the aforesaid bill for the relief of our comrades who were prisoners of war.

Z. ALDRICH,

President.

J. O. BELLAIRE,

Secretary,

Ex-Union Prisoners of War Association of Michigan.

I deem it entirely unnecessary in this Encampment to offer one word in favor of the adoption of these resolutions. Therefore, Commander, I move the adoption of the resolutions.

Seconded, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Comrade Gardner, Post 210—I would like to make a statement, and then offer a resolution. I hold in my hand, comrades, the action of the Passenger Traffic Association relative to the National Encampment at Buffalo, which is as follows: "Round trip, per capita fare, 2 cents per mile on all lines one way distance—that is, one cent a mile the round trip; standard ticket, form 2 to be used; to be sold good going August 21 to 23, and made to provide for return passage from Buffalo without extension from August 24 to 31, inclusive, with the privilege of an extension to leave Buffalo on or before September 20, provided ticket is deposited with general agent at Buffalo between August 23 and 27, both days inclusive." I am requested to say that from all points in Michigan on all lines the rate will be one cent a mile each way, with the privilege of this limit to September 20, on the conditions herein stated. I offer the following resolution, which was written before this came to my hand:

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General be and is hereby instructed to convey to the Michigan Railroad Passenger Association our sense of appreciation of their courtesy and our thanks for the very low rates to and from the seat of this, our Nineteenth Annual Encampment.

I move its adoption.

Adopted, unanimously.

Comrade Gardner—I have another resolution I would like to present, as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby extended to the local committees charged with the responsibility and labor of preparation; to the musicians who have furnished the excellent music, and to the citizens of Greenville generally, for the cordial reception and splendid hospitality tendered the comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and their Nineteenth Annual Encampment.

I move its adoption.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I have been requested to read the law governing the conditions with reference to which we hold permanent Headquarters at the Capitol. It is brief:

AN ACT to provide permanent Headquarters in the Capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used and to provide for an annual report by the Commander.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room at the Capitol in Lansing, to be known as Headquarters room of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the Capitol. The room shall be under the charge of the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Michigan, and such officer or officers of the Grand Army of the Republic as he or his successors in office may appoint, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing its supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and conducting the general office business of the Department as directed by the Commander. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the Commander of the Department or his authorized assistant, to members of the Grand

Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information.

Sec. 2. The Commander of the Department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the Governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and the people of the State. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature and State officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the Commander of the Department for distribution among the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 11, 1897.

Comrade Hinds, Post 37—I move that a committee of five tellers be appointed.

Without putting the motion, the chair appointed as tellers Comrades George M. Buck, Post 79; William P. Sumner, Post 17; Marc Merrifield, Post 88; J. A. Green, Post 67; and Fay Wyckoff, Post 38.

The chair announced that the Encampment was now within a minute of the special order fixed for 9:30, being the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Hopkins, Post 384—I move that the time of nominating speeches be limited to five minutes each, and seconding speeches to two minutes each.

Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Merrifield, Post 88, nominated for Department Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Alex. L. Patrick, Post 17.

Comrade Wood, Post 90, nominated for Department Commander Comrade Aaron T. Bliss, Post 90.

The nomination of Comrade Bliss was seconded by Comrades Graves, Post 45; Aldrich, Post 157; Kanitz, Post 7; Green, Post 67; Manley, Post 16; Mears, Post 246; Foote, Post 103; Dugan, Post 34; Woodman, Post 402; Dawes, Post 205; Perry, Post 197; Little, Post 90; Daboll, Post 156; Purchase, Post 69; Best, Post 304.

Comrade Parker, Post 17, at the request of Fairbanks Post, withdrew the name of Comrade Patrick, and moved that the rules be suspended, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Bliss for Department Commander. The motion was seconded by Comrade Merrifield, and prevailed unanimously.

The Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade A. T. Bliss for Department Commander, as directed by the motion, and Comrade Bliss was declared to have been unanimously elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Patrick was appointed a committee of one to escort Comrade Bliss to the platform.

The Department Commander—Comrades, by your unanimous vote you have elected Comrade Bliss Commander for the next year. I now introduce him to you as your next Commander.

Comrade Bliss—Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:—Words from me cannot express the gratitude for this appreciation of me that you have expressed here today. I assure you, that my heart and my soul go out for the warm and cordial endorsement that you have given me here today by placing me at the head of this grand and noble Department of Michigan. As my good wife has been mentioned here in the Encampment, I will say this. She is the one who has helped bring this about, and is entitled to the glory as well as I. Not only in the Grand Army work, which her whole heart and soul is in, but all through my life, she has stood by me and been my support and helpmeet. Further than that, not long ago when my name was before the people of the State of Michigan over here at the second city of the State—Grand Rapids—she said then, and has said since a number of times, that she preferred to see me at the head of the Grand Army of the State of Michigan rather than to be Governor of the State of Michigan. I had stated to a friend of mine some time ago, that next to being Governor of Michigan there was no position that I aspired to so much as the high honor of being Department Commander of Michigan. I am today of the same opinion as my wife: I am prouder of this vote today, the way it

has come about, than of any other gift the people of the State can give me. It came without my asking and without my work. My friends have done this, I assure you that you shall always have my earnest and hearty efforts in doing all that I can in forwarding the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. I ask the cordial support in the year before us, of officers and comrades, to aid me in my efforts to make this year a successful one. As we go to that grand Empire State of New York, I hope we may go in such numbers that we may there make ourselves felt in the National Encampment as one of the grandest states of the Nation. I shall endeavor to do my very best, as I go near my own old home, where many of the boys of my regiment are living yet and where we have our reunions quite often—I hope to see my old regiment at Buffalo. I assure you I thank you for this honor, coming this year it enables me to take this grand and noble Department to the State of my birth and near to my old home. I thank you again, comrades—more I wish I could say, for the compliment and high honor you have extended to me today.

The Department Commander—Comrades, this is Comrade Patrick!

Comrade Patrick—Well, comrades of the Grand Army, you will all admit that I have been “Blissed.” I would say to all of you comrades who have stood in the past and also through this campaign for Fairbanks Post, that I return you their sincere thanks. I don’t think that there is any other man belonging to the Grand Army of the Republic for whom Fairbanks Post would have taken the action that they have taken today. It has been in the interest of harmony. It has met with my advice and my wishes. We pledge ourselves, the solid delegation from Fairbanks Post, to Comrade Bliss. When I ran for Commander of the Department of Michigan at Owosso, we were under a certain obligation to him—not that they have withdrawn their candidate for good; we will still be in it; and next year we will come up smiling at Port Huron. We will ask you for your support which you have promised. You will give it. I know that your promise is good. With the thanks of Fairbanks Post and myself I retire.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the nomination and election of a Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Avery, Post 83, nominated Comrade L. Wells Sprague, Post 83.

The nomination was seconded by Comrade Best, Post 304.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Comrade Aldrich, unanimously carried, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed, and did, cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade L. Wells Sprague for Senior Vice Department Commander, and so he was declared to have been unanimously elected to that office for the ensuing year.

Comrade Sprague was called to the platform, and in a few words thanked the comrades for the honor conferred upon him.

The following telegram was read by the Assistant Adjutant General:

CENTREVILLE, MICH., April 8, 1897.

C. V. R. POND:

I very much regret that I must miss the Encampment. I am unavoidably detained in court. So send warmest greetings and best wishes to the comrades I so much love to meet.

R. R. PEALER.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the nomination and election of a Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, nominated Comrade William E. Thorp, of Post 26, Hart.

Comrade Finch, Post 247, nominated Comrade "Ren" Barker, Post 198, Reed City.

The nomination of Comrade Barker was seconded by Comrades Aldrich, Post 157; Sherman, Post 98; Fradenburg, Post 128; Kidd, Post 211; Manley, Post 16; and Best, Post 304.

Pending the reception and counting of the ballots, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Dix, Post 39—I move that a committee of three be appointed to extend our greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps now in annual convention.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the chair appointed as such committee Comrades Roscoe D. Dix,

Post 39; James H. Baker, Post 42; and William Humphrey, Post 45.

Comrade Daboll—I understand that a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps is on its way here. I move you that a committee of five be appointed to escort them to the platform, when they come.

Seconded, and carried unanimously. The chair appointed as such committee Comrades Daboll, Brown, Kanitz, Gardner, and Kidd.

The following list of delegates and alternate delegates to the National Encampment to meet at Buffalo were reported by the several congressional district delegations, and on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed, and did, cast the vote of the Encampment, first for the delegates and then for the alternates to the National Encampment, and they and each of them were declared to have been unanimously elected each to his respective office:

First District—Delegate, W. C. Claxton, Post 17, Detroit; Alternate, John T. McCurdy, Post 433, Detroit.

Second District—Delegate, William Jibb, Post 45, Adrian; Alternate, Samuel R. Kingsley, Post 261, Romulus.

Third District—Delegate, M. A. Merrifield, Post 88, Union City; Alternate, L. B. Wolcott, Post 6, Hillsdale.

Fourth District—Delegate, Edwin Ruthruff, Post 19, Bangor; Alternate J. N. Collester, Post 125, Hastings.

Fifth District—Delegate, Charles F. Sears, Post 237, Rockford; Alternate, Wilson Jones, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

Sixth District—Delegate, J. M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing; Alternate, H. H. Collins, Post 120, Howell.

Seventh District—Delegate, J. D. Kenney, Post 98, Port Huron; Alternate, William Baird, Post 229, Marine City.

Eighth District—Delegate, M. C. Dawes, Post 205, Owosso; Alternate, Alison Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.

Ninth District—Delegate, Albro Enos, Post 337, Ravenna; Alternate, W. H. Herbert, Post 201, Manistee.

Tenth District—Delegate, George H. Keating, Post 67, Bay City; Alternate, Robert Calhoon, Post 419, Bay City.

Eleventh District—Delegate, Augustus Wilcox, Post

141, Lakeview; Alternate, M. A. Lafler, Post 97, Hersey.
Twelfth District—Delegate, M. Durocher, Post 266,
Menominee; Alternate, E. P. Barnard, Post 266, Detroit.

The result of the ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander was announced, and was as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	366
Necessary to a choice.....	184
Comrade William E. Thorpe received.....	85
Comrade "Ren" Barker received.....	281

Comrade Barker having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared to have been duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Barker was called to the platform, and briefly thanked the Department for the honor conferred upon him, and pledged himself to do his best in the interest of the order during the year, and ever thereafter.

Comrade Gage, Post 384—I move you that we now proceed to the election of delegates at large.

Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 17, nominated Comrade E. B. Fenton, Post 384, and the rules being suspended, the Assistant Adjutant General, on motion, was directed, and did, cast the vote of the encampment for Comrade Fenton for delegate at large, and he was declared to have been duly elected to that office.

Comrade Graves, Post 45, nominated Comrade S. J. Lawrence, Post 413, as one of the remaining delegates to the National Encampment. The nomination of Comrade Lawrence was seconded by Comrades Gage, Jibb, and Avery.

Comrade Foote, Post 79, nominated Comrade W. D. Brainard, of Eaton Rapids.

Comrade Tomlinson, Post 269, nominated Comrade Jeremiah Dugan, Post 34.

Comrade Kidd, Post 211, nominated Comrade Joseph B. Griswold, Post 5.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42, nominated Comrade Everett D. Sargent, Post 120.

Comrade White, Post 202, nominated Comrade W. E. Best, Post 304.

Comrade Wiselogel, Post 7, nominated Comrade Charles L. Brundage, Post 7.

Comrade Green, Post 67, nominated Comrade John R. Clark, Post 224.

Comrade Avery, Post 83, nominated Comrade Charles H. Morse, Post 173.

On motion, it was ordered, unanimously, that each comrade should vote for four candidates for delegates, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the four comrades receiving the highest number of votes upon the ballot thus to be taken. Pending the casting of the ballot and its ascertainment, the regular order of business was resumed.

The next order of business being the nomination and election of a Medical Director, Comrade Jacklin nominated Comrade James R. Stephenson, Post 5, and that nomination was seconded by Comrades Kent, Judd, and Bellaire, of Post 5. There being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed, and did, cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade James R. Stephenson for Medical Director, and he was declared to have been duly elected to that office.

The Department Commander—You will now place in nomination candidates for Department Chaplain.

Comrade Morse, Post 173, nominated Comrade John Woods, Post 15.

Comrade Doty, Post 252, nominated Comrade William Judd, Post 252.

Comrades English, Post 153; Mears, Post 246, seconded the nomination of Comrade Judd.

Comrade Green, Post 67, nominated Comrade Henry S. White, Post 202.

The Department Commander—I am informed that a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps is at the door, waiting to be received.

Comrade Dix—Your committee to whom was assigned the pleasant duty of tendering our greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps now in session, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty; that the committee was most cordially received, and they return most heartily their good wishes to the Grand Army of the Republic. The committee asks to be discharged.

The Department Commander—The committee will be discharged.

The regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of receiving the committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, and the ladies of the committee were received at the door by the committee previously appointed for that duty.

Comrade Daboll—Department Commander, the committee appointed by you have performed their duties, and I take great pleasure in presenting to you a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, which is in session in this town, who have been sent to bring you the greetings of the convention to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander—Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, in behalf of the Department of Michigan, I extend to you its greetings. We are always ready and willing to receive you, and to thank you for the good and conscientious work that you have been doing for us in the past, and which you expect to do in the future.

Comrades, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Brown, Past Department President of Michigan.

Mrs. Brown—Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army, we have with us today Mrs. Agnes Hitt, National President; Mrs. Flo J. Miller, Past Department President of Illinois; our new Department President, Mrs. Louise A. Turck, of Alma; Mrs. Emma S. Hampton, Past National President; Mrs. Louise B. Robbins, Mrs. Hattie P. Thompson and Mrs. A. M. Bliss, Past Department Presidents. The Grand Army have met in Bliss; the Woman's Relief Corps go home as Turks. I also bear with unbounded pleasure the greetings of the girls over in the other hall to the boys of the most trying period in our country's history. Gray hairs and furrows of care remind us that your days are on the downward slide of life, looking toward the sunset; but to us you look as lovely and as young as you used to. We bear the greetings and the report of our work for the year from our Department President to this Encampment, as follows:

GREENVILLE, April 8, 1897.

Official report of the Department President to the Department Commander:

Commander and Comrades, of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Depart-

ment of Michigan—Greetings: In accordance with our yearly custom I herewith transmit to you a report of the relief disbursed by your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, for the year past, as shown by reports on file. We have reasons to rejoice at the conditions of the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps. We now number 248 Corps, with a membership of 7,718. Seventeen new Corps have been added to the roster this year.

Cash expended for relief.....	\$2,485 11
Estimated, other than money.....	3,587 70
Turned over to Posts.....	2,011 64

Total relief	<u>\$8,084 45</u>
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Total number of soldiers, their families and members, assisted	3,063
Amount in general fund.....	\$5,664 62
Amount in relief fund.....	1,730 89
Expended from Department relief fund.....	125 00

By the sacred memories of the past, we pledge anew the loyal support of the more than seven thousand women I represent.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MANDA J. HALSTED,

Department President.

I think from the very nature of things the true worth and the patriotism of a nation will not rise higher than that possessed by the women of the nation. We have often heard that the boy is father to the man, and I want to add to the significance of that by saying that the woman is mother to the boy; that whether she likes it or not, whether she admits it or not, she is a strong factor in the body politic. If in dear old America, where women are loved and honored as in no other nation, the integrity of our nation becomes corrupt, women as well as men will be equally responsible for the downfall. If our Republic does not preserve its integrity, its purity, and its patriotism, it is the fault of the women as well as of the men. Patriotism must be built up—the purest sources of patriotism must be built up—in the homes of our land; and that influence,—the influence of the home,—must be learned at the mother's knee.

The Department Commander—Allow me the great pleasure of presenting to the Department Mrs. Hitt, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Hitt—Commander, when you very kindly extended to me an invitation to come to your Encampment, you remember that I said I would come and look into the faces of these comrades, but that I didn't like to talk. You very kindly coincided with me in my views on that subject, and you said that you were very glad to think that there was one woman who didn't like to talk. But there is one thing I want to say—and perhaps some of these comrades heard me make the same remark last year, and if they did, I hope they will pardon me for repeating myself—it is this: Past Commander-in-Chief I. N. Walker, of my own home city, said that the Grand Army of the Republic was the organized love of the men who wore the blue. I want to say to you that the Woman's Relief Corps, the great organization which I represent, is the organized love of the women for the boys who wore the blue.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past Department President of the Illinois Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Flo J. Miller.

Mrs. Miller—I am one of the women who like to talk. Day before yesterday, in passing through the city of Chicago, I stopped at the headquarters of the Illinois Grand Army. There they asked me to bear the greetings of the Grand Army in connection with the Woman's Relief Corps to the Department of Michigan, to tell you that they would be glad to be represented here among you as visitors on this occasion; but also to tell you that while our Department was doing grand work, and was getting along nicely, the death rate was simply enormous. During the last year in the Department of Illinois, in the Grand Army of the Republic, there were reported to headquarters 585 deaths. This is in only one Department. And if this rate continues, it will be only a very short time that we Woman's Relief Corps will be privileged to meet you and to address you. So, then, I am going to take every opportunity I can to talk you to death. Not very long ago I read a description, or rather a life of Robert E. Lee, written by one of his staff, in which he made this assertion: That the Union soldiers would have been successful long before they were, but they had no

heart in it. They simply went out to the front for the \$13 or whatever they got a month as the price of their service. That is one of the falsest, most malicious, assertions that has ever been made. From the time you started from your homes you were imbued with a spirit of patriotism and love of your country. The songs you sang were full of patriotism. Do any of you remember?—I know you all do—how in marching to the front you sang?—

“As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,

As we go marching on.”

And that is the spirit that filled you all through the war. So when under the apple tree at Appomattox the message was sent out, “Peace!” it was that the entire Nation was glad; and the result, a united country—one hope, one country, one flag—was the inspiration (not \$13 a month)—that spirit of national patriotism of the grandest body of men that ever enlisted under any government.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past National President Mrs. Emma Stark Hampton.

Mrs. Hampton—As we were coming over here from the convention hall a person stepped up to my side and said, “Don’t say but three words.” As I have already exceeded that, I will only beg to say, that one of the greatest pleasures of the work of the Woman’s Relief Corps is to feel that this grand army of men, for whom we have worked thirteen years, appreciate our work. We come to you, comrades, this time, with another list of good deeds and another year’s service, and we know that we are in that proportion dearer to your hearts. We know you have always stood by us. Today you stand by us. Last night on this platform I think I understood a man to say that we were common people. In the mother country over the water there is a queen. In this country there is an organization that stands second to none, of members amounting to 375,000. Those men have made in this great nation 140,000 queens, and they are the members of the Woman’s Relief Corps; and I presume to say, there is no crown on these queens’ heads that would be exchanged for the glittering diadem of a Victoria. And

in Michigan we have over 7,000 of those queens. And, comrades, you are responsible for it all. Protect and keep us as you always have.

The Department Commander—We have another member of the Woman's Relief Corps with us whom we all love and respect, and whom you all know never speaks in public. I refer to Past Department President Mrs. Louise B. Robbins. I have the pleasure of introducing her to you.

Mrs. Robbins--That is just cruel. I am going to say dear boys, just exactly as the chairman of your distinguished committee said "dear girls." I mean every bit of it. And I can tell you, that walking up that hall, as some of you saw me, with a comrade on each side of me—one a Past Department Commander, who said, "Come, girls, come with me," and another one who is on the staff of the Commander said, "Come with me," don't you think I lost my heart? But, boys, I lost it long ago to the Grand Army. I wish you Godspeed. I stand here today on the staff of the National President. I am glad we have the honor of coming with her. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Comrades, we have with us that dear lady who, we were informed, was the cause of our having our new Commander, Comrade Bliss. I now introduce to you Past Department President Mrs. Bliss.

Mrs. Bliss—I am very glad indeed to appear before you as the silent partner of the coming Commander, and glad that you seem aware that there is a power behind the throne. I think I have the credit of pushing him in this matter, and of in some way, I hardly know how, *fixing* the voters. I have heard politicians speak of whipping men into line to vote in a certain direction; if I have done such a thing, I think you will find that the whip lash was made of silk, that it don't sting very deep, and that its blows will soon be forgotten. I wish to thank you kindly for the indirect, and perhaps undeserved compliment to myself; but more especially and heartily I thank you for the great honor conferred upon my husband by this unanimous election to the highest office within your gift. I trust he will prove worthy of our confidence. I wish also to thank the esteemed comrade who so generously withdrew from the contest, in order to make the election unanimous and insure harmonious feeling in the Encamp-

ment—a feeling which I hope will prevail throughout the Department. I am sure what little influence I may possess will always be exerted in the interests of harmony. I am pleased to come as a representative of the Woman's Relief Corps in convention assembled. As one of its Past Department Presidents, I am glad to give you greeting, and thank you for your attention.

The Department Commander—We have another one of the lady members of the Relief Corps, whom I am informed is not in good health. She wishes me to excuse her. She was Department President at one time. I have the pleasure, however, of introducing to you Mrs. Hattie P. Thompson, of Flint.

Mrs. Thompson acknowledged the introduction with a bow to the Encampment.

The Department Commander—Now we have a good deal of pleasure today. We have elected a new Commander, and the Woman's Relief Corps has elected a new President. We have been in the habit of looking upon the Turk as a sick man, but here in Michigan we look upon the Turk as the coming woman. I have the pleasure of introducing to you the new Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Michigan.

Mrs. Turk—Comrades of the Grand Army, having been preceded by my sisters whose eloquence you are so familiar with, I will not detain you by anything I may attempt to say, for I am new in this sort of work. Speech-making is entirely out of my line. I can work, but I cannot speak, except in my own home, which one of your comrades will bear me out in saying. I assure you, in the new responsibility which has dropped on my shoulders I shall try to imitate those who have gone before me. I bring you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I assure you that the Grand Army has my utmost sympathy and will have my support in every undertaking. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, it gives me great pleasure in placing upon your breast our Department badge, and with that, saying good bye.

The Department Commander presented each of the ladies with a delegate's badge to the present Encampment.

The Department Commander—We have all attended a great many Department Encampments, and we have never attended any at which our representative, as we might call him, has not been present. I desire to introduce to you Mr. Joseph Greusel, of the Detroit Journal, a man who has always had kind words for us. I know you will delight to greet him.

Mr. Greusel—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—Through the courtesy of one of your Past Commanders and the greater courtesy of the ladies whom I assisted in escorting from the other hall, I have been admitted for the first time in my life to the floor of an assemblage of the Grand Army of the Republic. I appreciate it as a very high compliment. I think in some slight degree that I can claim comradeship with you. Very recently, not in the times when you charged the cannon's mouth, but in more recent years, I have been with Gen. Alger, with Gen. Sickles, with Gen. Howard, with Corporal Tanner, and with Jack Burst; and so under those considerations I think that you can admit me for this occasion only to honorary membership. And I thank you for it. In the course of my newspaper career I have seen a good deal of the Grand Army, not only the Grand Army of Michigan, but the Grand Army of the Republic. I have seen all your veterans—men whose names are inscribed and will forever remain on the pages of history, marching again amid the plaudits of the people through the streets of our most populous cities. Those sights remain imperishable upon my memory. And I never have yet attended a National Encampment that, as a Michigan man, my heart has not exulted with pride to see the specimens of soldiers that we have presented to the Nation. You have met with plaudits on every street in which the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan has been represented at these National Encampments, and I, as one of your fellow citizens, only express what is in the hearts of them all, their pride at seeing you and their pride to welcome you everywhere in their midst. Gentlemen, I thank you.

The ladies then retired, and the regular order of business was resumed.

The tellers announced the result of the ballot for delegates to the National Encampment, which was as follows:

Comrade Lawrence	257
Comrade Brainard	56
Comrade Dugan	73
Comrade Griswold	188
Comrade Sargent	29
Comrade Best	48
Comrade Clark	50
Comrade Brundage	152
Comrade Morse	133

The Department Commander—It appears from the report of the tellers that the four persons receiving the highest number of votes are Comrades Lawrence, Griswold, Brundage, and Morse, and they are your delegates.

The Assistant Adjutant General thereupon, by direction of the Encampment, cast its vote for the following named comrades to be delegates to the National Encampment, and they were each respectively declared to have been duly elected:

Sam J. Lawrence, Post 413, Wyandotte; Joseph B. Griswold, Post 5, Grand Rapids; Charles L. Brundage, Post 7, Muskegon; Charles H. Morse, Post 173, Lansing.

On motion of Comrade Jacklin, Post 433, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to, and did cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Jeremiah Dugan, Post 34, Otsego; John R. Clark, Post 224, Cheboygan; W. D. Brainard, Post 111, Eaton Rapids; W. E. Best, Post 304, North Branch, and E. D. Sargent, Post 120, Howell, to be alternate delegates to the National Encampment. They were each of them duly declared elected to that position.

Upon motion a recess was taken to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30. Department Commander in the chair.

Upon motion, E. D. Sargent, Post 120, elected as an alternate, was chosen alternate at large.

Nominations for Chaplain resumed.

Comrade Sherman, Post 98, seconded the nomination of Comrade White for Chaplain.

Pending the balloting for Chaplain and the ascertainment of its result, the regular order of business was resumed.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the election of five members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Jacklin, Post 433, nominated Comrade Charles E. Foote, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

Comrade Shelberg, Post 17, nominated Comrade Elisha H. Davis, Post 162, Detroit.

Comrade Sherman, Post 98, nominated Comrade Frank Whipple, Post 98, Port Huron.

Comrade Smith, Post 211, nominated Comrade Thomas Keys, Post 211, Ionia.

Comrade Keating, Post 67, nominated Comrade James E. Green, Post 67, Bay City.

Comrade White, Post 202, and Comrade Smith, Post 233, seconded the nomination of Comrade Whipple.

There being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to, and did, cast the ballot of the Encampment for the comrades named for members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year, and they were each declared to have been duly elected.

The result of the first ballot for Department Chaplain was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	220
Necessary to a choice.....	111
Comrade White	65
Comrade Woods	69
Comrade Judd	86

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, a second ballot was ordered, and pending its casting and ascertainment, the regular order of business was resumed.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I desire to offer this resolution:

Resolved, That this Encampment do most sincerely tender their thanks to the Officer of the Day, the Officer of the Guard, and the other comrades of Post 83 who have given their time and attention so courteously in guarding the outposts of this Encampment.

I move the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote.
 Seconded, and adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.
 Comrade Humphrey, Post 45—I desire to offer the following, and move its adoption:

Resolved, That our Senators and members of Congress be requested to use their influence to secure the passage of the bill now before Congress, establishing a National cemetery at Vicksburg, Miss.

Adopted unanimously.

Comrade Sherman, Post 98, thanked the comrades for their unanimous choice of Port Huron as the place of meeting of the next Encampment, and pledged the boys a good time.

The result of the second ballot for Department Chaplain was announced, as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	252
Necessary to a choice.....	127
Comrade White.....	68
Comrade Wood	69
Comrade Judd	115

Comrades White and Wood withdrew their names as candidates for Department Chaplain, and on motion of Comrade Doty the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to, and did, cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Judd for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year, and he was declared to have been duly elected to that position.

Comrade Judd was called to the platform.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you your next Chaplain, Comrade Judd.

Comrade Judd—Commander, and Comrades of the Grand Army: I feel some embarrassment at this time in attempting to make a speech; first, from the fact that I have not the normal condition of my voice, having been in excessive work for some six or seven weeks; and, second, because I am always embarrassed somewhat when I come before an audience like this; but I want to thank you for this favor and this expression of your good will in giving me this honorable position among the elective officers of this Department, assuring you that to the best of my ability, the best of my judgment and understanding of the duties that shall devolve upon me, I shall try

to honor the position. I feel grateful that I shall have the privilege with the rest of these eloquent officers of "getting off next August at Buffalo."

The Assistant Adjutant General—A letter from one of the citizens of Greenville was laid on the table just before or while we were in the heat of the election. I have kept it until the present moment. I deem it courtesy to read it.

The letter was an invitation to the comrades and others to call upon an aged sister of "Old John Brown," then a guest in Greenville.

The Department Commander—The work of this Encampment, with the exception of the installation of the new officers, is now completed—unless you have other business.

Comrade Shelberg, Post 17—There is a bill pending before the legislature in behalf of the old soldiers, to give them the preference in all positions, State and municipal, and as the promise has gone out in the past, I think it is nothing but fair that the old soldier should be given all that can possibly be thrown in his way. The days are growing short; give them all you can in their declining days. I move that it is the sense of this Department that our representatives and senators be urged to push that bill to their utmost for its passage.

There was no second.

The Department Commander—That not being supported, the new officers will now be installed, and the installing officer will be the Senior Past Department Commander, Comrade C. V. R. Pond, who will now perform that duty.

Past Department Commander Pond duly installed the Senior and Junior Department Commanders-elect, the Medical Director, and the Department Chaplain. He then proceeded to install the Department Commander-elect, until he was interrupted by the announcement of himself as the appointee of the Department Commander-elect as his Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. Thereupon Past Department Commander Daboll completed the installation of the Department Commander elect, and duly installed the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General.

The reappointment of Comrade Pond to the office of Assistant Adjutant General was received by the Encampment with long continued applause.

Department Commander Shakespeare—Department Commander, as your predecessor, and by direction of the Department of Michigan, I present to you the gavel, the emblem of your authority. I also present to you the charter of the Department of Michigan, and the flags and property of the Department. I wish to say, in resigning my position to my successor, that I have had his earnest support during all of my term, and so far as I know, the good wishes and earnest support of every comrade of this Department. I thank you for the honor that you conferred upon me one year ago, and I trust and I know, that my successor will meet with the same cordial and earnest support that you have accorded me during my administration in the past year.

Department Commander Bliss assumed the chair.

The Assistant Adjutant General (to Commander Bliss)
—I thank you, sir.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I most hesitatingly take this gavel. I know that I have a great responsibility, but I hope that I may be given health and strength during this coming year to perform my duty in such a way as to command the respect of every Grand Army man in the State of Michigan. I have appointed as my Assistant Adjutant General one whom you all know so well, and one who has done his work so satisfactorily, one who has a work started that will be of such great benefit to our comrades. I did not ask him whether he would accept or not. Not one word has passed between him and me since I came to this town. But I am pleased and relieved to think that I am to have such an able assistant to help me through the coming year. To my officers, the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders, Medical Director and the Chaplain and all, I shall look for aid and assistance in the work of the coming year. Comrades, further words of mine cannot express my thanks for the high compliment that you have paid me this day, and this will go down with me to my grave as one of the proudest years that has ever fallen on my shoulders. I thank you again, comrades. What is your further pleasure?

Department Commander—There being no further business, I declare the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. V. R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Assistant Adjutant General.

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

GREENVILLE, MICH., April 7-8, 1897.

Greenville has always borne the reputation of being one of the most hospitable little cities in Michigan, and on the occasion of the Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, April 7 and 8, 1897, that reputation was fully sustained.

Some time before the date of the Encampment a joint meeting of the citizens, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic Post was held and the usual regular committees were appointed to have charge of the work for a proper reception and entertainment of the veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps and other persons interested in the old soldier. Arrangements were made to fully care for all visitors who should come. There were present, as near as can be estimated, about 2,000. The homes of the people were thrown open freely, and everything was carried out with as near perfect satisfaction as possible. The headquarters of the Encampment officers were held in the parlors of Hotel Phelps, and they were thronged day and night. Expressions of satisfaction and praise by the visitors were heard on every hand. The people of Greenville were equally as well pleased with their guests, and frequently was heard the expression that no finer body of men, or more womanly women, were ever assembled in any convention. The Committee on Entertainment performed their duties in a manner that placed all visitors at ease in the feeling that they were at home.

The decorations, both public and private, were tasty and beautiful. The public decorations on Lafayette street were exceptionally fine and unique, consisting of red, white and blue bunting and in the form of a "V" sewed

on cord, and stretched across the street diagonally every fifty feet the entire length of the street, from Washington street on the south to Grove street on the north. It had the appearance of a vast canopy, and was very attractive. The decorations in the opera house, where the Grand Army of the Republic held its regular meetings, and at the church, where the Woman's Relief Corps met, were elaborate and beautiful. All the stores and public places on Lafayette street were tastefully and many of them elegantly decorated. Many private residences displayed the National colors and other emblems to express their patriotism and welcome for the old soldiers.

Camp-fires were held in the opera house and Congregational church on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

At the opera house Wednesday evening Comrade C. O. Jenison presided. The Choral Union, a vocal orchestra of fifty voices under the leadership of Miss Mary Fisk, provided the music, and in a manner that proved them to be artists of a high grade. The address of welcome by C. C. Ellsworth, one of Greenville's most prominent citizens, was of a character that made his 2,000 hearers believe in the unbounded hospitality of the city. Assistant Adjutant General C. V. R. Pond responded to the words of welcome on behalf of the Department Commander, who could not be present, and in closing introduced Charles D. Long, Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, a comrade who undoubtedly has a closer attachment to the veterans of Michigan than any other person, and largely because of his serious wounds, and genial disposition. The Judge was followed by Mrs. Hitt, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and she by Comrades Washington Gardner, known over Michigan as the soldier eloquent; Judge Daboll and Colonel A. T. Bliss, who was on the following day elected Department Commander.

At the church a large audience had assembled. The Commander of the local Grand Army Post, Comrade A. H. Tibbitts, presided, and the same orchestra that entertained at the opera house furnished the music at the church, flitting back and forth as the program called for their services. The speakers, Mrs. Grabill of Greenville,

Mrs. Halsted, President of the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps; General E. M. Irish, Adjutant General of State troops; Colonel O. A. Janes, United States Pension Agent, and Colonel C. E. Foote, Assistant Quartermaster General of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, made the evening a most enjoyable one.

The closing of the executive session of the Encampment at an early hour Thursday evening enabled a large number of the visitors to return to their homes, and the attendance at the camp-fire in the opera house that evening was not as large as on the previous evening. The speakers were Department Commander A. T. Bliss, Past Department Commanders J. H. Kidd and S. B. Daboll, Comrades R. F. Smiley and James O'Donnell.

The badges furnished by the citizens to the delegates attending the Encampment were very neat, and upon the face of the pendant was a most excellent likeness of the Department Commander, William Shakespeare.

The Encampment from start to finish was a success, the efforts of the citizens to make the visit of the veterans pleasant in every particular was a success, the weather was a success, for it maintained the record for rain or snow at all annual gatherings of the Michigan Department when held so early in the spring.

To the chairmen and members of the various committees for their continued courtesies in aiding me in my official duties, and for the principal matter in these unofficial proceedings, I desire to express my thanks.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. V. R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
SAGINAW, MICH., April 1, 1896. }

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 1.

Having this day been honored by my comrades in an election to the position of Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume the duties incumbent upon that office.

Headquarters are established at the Capitol at Lansing.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade C. V. R. Pond,
Post 2.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrade C. E. Foote, Post 79.

All official correspondence should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., April 15, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 2.

I. At the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of this Department held at Saginaw, Mich., March 30, 31 and April 1, 1896, the following named comrades were elected to office for the ensuing year:

Senior Vice Department Commander, Lucian W. Lyon, Post 375, Saginaw, E. S.

Junior Vice Department Commander, Joseph O. Bellaire, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

Medical Director, George H. Granger, Post 67, Bay City.

Department Chaplain, J. S. Preston, Post 100, Lyons.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

N. M. Richardson, Post 143, Caro.
W. E. Hamilton, Post 156, St. Johns.
James A. Green, Post 67, Bay City.
Henry S. White, Post 202, Romeo.
L. M. Ward, Post 14, Benton Harbor.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

1. C. L. Brundage (at large), Post 7, Muskegon.
2. Samuel Smith, Post 184, Detroit.
3. Chas. W. Lake, Post 2, Quincy.
4. E. R. Starkweather, Post 202, Romeo.
5. Roscoe D. Dix, Post 39, Berrien Springs.
6. Wm. J. Just, Post 211, Ionia.
7. Fredk. Schneider, Post 42, Lansing.
8. A. B. Welton, Post 38, North Branch.
9. Robert Anderson, Post 127, Maple Rapids.
10. W. G. Watson, Post 7, Muskegon.
11. Oscar Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.
12. "Ren" Barker, Post 198, Reed City.
13. Ira Carley, Post 266, Menominee.
14. E. S. Pease, Post 38, Saginaw, E. S.
15. James Van Buskirk, Post 106, Harrisville.
16. O. Tomlinson, Post 269, Plainwell.
17. Edgar Weeks, Post 216, Mt. Clemens.
18. J. H. Stephens, Post 32, Battle Creek.

ALTERNATES.

1. E. P. Barnard (at large), Post 266, Menominee.
2. Traverse Phillips, Post 125, Hastings.
3. J. J. Lister, Post 225, Trenton.
4. R. W. Allen, Post 17, Detroit.
5. F. H. Wilcox, Post 179, Brighton.
6. Augustus Wilcox, Post 141, Lakeview.
7. E. S. Jamison, Post 229, Marine City.
8. C. W. Babcock, Post 396, Pomona.
9. J. H. Gardner, Post 339, Clare.
10. James Van Kleeck, Post 67, Bay City.
11. H. C. Green, Post 67, Bay City.
12. Geo. H. Turner, Post 109, Coldwater.
13. Wilson Jones, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
14. W. R. Frost, Post 13, Harbor Springs.
15. Victor B. Rothiers, Post 190, Birch Run.
16. E. A. Shattuck, Post 259, Litchfield.
17. Henry Halsted, Post 239, Concord.
18. A. M. Apted, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

II. The following staff appointments are announced:

Judge Advocate, Roscoe D. Dix, Post 39, Berrien Springs.
Department Inspector, R. W. Jacklin, Post 17, Detroit.
Chief Mustering Officer, Z. B. Graham, Post 384, Detroit.
Chief of Staff, W. F. Sherman, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
Senior Aide-de-Camp, Geo. W. Buckingham, Post 145, Flint.
Aides-de-Camp, Samuel L. Holton, Post 32; Albert Newkirk,
Post 317; R. A. Balcom, Post 76; August Goebel, Post 384.
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Additional appointments of Aides-de-Camp will be made upon the recommendation of Post Commanders to the Assistant Adjutant General.

IV. Post Commanders will at once forward to the Department Inspector, Comrade R. W. Jacklin, 231 First street, Detroit, the name of a comrade to be appointed Assistant Inspector. The duties of this officer are important; the comrade named should be one expecting to be very thorough in the discharge of the same.

V. The following standing committees are announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

N. M. Richardson, Post 143, Caro.
James A. Green, Post 67, Bay City.
Henry S. White, Post 202, Romeo.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Eugene Wilbur, Post 38, Saginaw, E. S.
William Humphrey, Post 45, Adrian.
R. R. Pealer, Post 72, Three Rivers.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

N. A. Reynolds, Post 109, Coldwater.
H. P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo.
Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Assistant Adjutant General.
H. S. Dean, Post 137, Ann Arbor.
O. A. James, Post 6, Hillsdale.

VI. Requisitions for supplies should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., and remittances, whether payable by money order or draft, should be made payable to the order of that officer.

VII. All that has been said by my predecessors, and all that was said by the Commander-in-Chief at the late Saginaw Encampment, with reference to the reinstatement of suspended members, is desired to be emphasized to every Post in the Department at this time. Make it possible for every worthy comrade to be continued in good standing in our order. Let no comrade be suspended when 'tis known that his conditions financially are beyond his immediate control. Keep in mind our well worded obligation. The year now entered upon means much to every comrade—another shortening of days to each. Seemingly, much more rapid does the veteran approach the final than those who knew not like exposures and results. The greater, therefore, the reason that every worthy ex-soldier of the Union Army should be wearing the "little bronze button" of the Grand Army of the Republic. Let every comrade aid in securing additions to his Post, and instead of decreasing our numbers in Michigan shall grow for some years yet to come.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. V. R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., May 1, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 3.

I. General Orders Nos. 7 and 8, C. S., National Headquarters, are sent with these Orders to Post Commanders.

II. The name and address of Junior Vice Department Commander is Joseph O. Bellaire, 17 West Bridge Street, Grand Rapids, and not Joseph C. as appeared in General Orders No. 2, C. S. The Medical Director, George H. Granger, is a member of Post 419, instead of Post 67, Bay City. The list of delegates and alternates to National Encampment should be corrected as follows: E. K. Starkweather, Post 318, Northville, is a delegate instead of E. R. Starkweather, Post 202, Romeo.

III. The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are announced:

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Wm. F. Fillio, Post 252, Howard City.
S. C. Whitney, Post 162, 477 Meldrum avenue, Detroit.
Carl Engle, Post 162, 229 Gratiot avenue, Detroit.
E. E. Lewis, Post 109, Coldwater.
Martin Walsh, Post 279, Spring Lake.
W. S. Cooley, Post 339, Clare.
Gardner K. Grout, Post 90, Saginaw, W. S.
D. C. Carr, Post 114, Fowlerville.
Hiram Jones, Post 125, Hastings.
Daniel Clever, Post 82, Nashville.
Merritt Hullock, Post 291, Grove.
Robert Dederick, Post 38, Saginaw, E. S.
Joseph Smith, Post 261, Wayne.
Wm. L. Mapes, Post 392, Ransom.
Jehiel J. Oliver, Post 368, Reese.
Charles Holcomb, Post 107, Dimondale.
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. Blanks for Post Chaplains' report of Memorial Day observance, with envelopes addressed to Department Chaplain, Comrade J. S. Preston, Lyons, Mich., are being sent to Commanders of Posts for delivery to the Chaplain. Post Commanders will see that Post Chaplains are

urged to a prompt rendering of the reports to the Department Chaplain.

V. The Department Commander takes pleasure in appointing as members of his staff Comrades named to him by the several Posts. As each Aide-de-Camp or other staff officer is appointed, let the feeling of a certain responsibility grow strongly in their minds. They represent the Commander in many ways, and will be expected to use all effort possible in increasing the strength of our Order. Especially are they expected to be active in securing a reduction of the suspended list by the reinstatement of worthy comrades.

VI. The proceedings, findings and sentence of the Post Court Martial in the case of Comrade Christopher Brott of Post 53 is approved and the said Christopher Brott is hereby dishonorably discharged from the Grand Army of the Republic.

VII. The Department Headquarters of Michigan will be located at the Windsor Hotel in St. Paul, during the National Encampment in September next. It is suggested that Comrades expecting to attend the National Encampment and desiring to secure accommodations, should correspond early with Comrade Joe Brigham, Secretary Committee on G. A. R. Accommodations, Arcade Building, St. Paul, Minn.

VIII. Because of the number of requests already received, the Department Commander is obliged to call the attention of Posts to the action of the Department Encampment of 1889, which specifically expressed its disapproval of permitting Posts to ask for aid in paying off mortgages or rebuilding burned homes of Comrades by circular requests to all Posts in the Department. Now, more than ever before are nearly all of our Posts needing all the aid they can secure from the generous and patriotic citizens of their neighborhood. This can often times be accomplished by the way of entertainments. The argument that "a little from each Post would make the aggregate needed" fails to expose the fact that the "littles" often given for outside aid would enable many a Post to prevent a growth of its suspended membership list and help worthy Comrades to continue to wear the button. The Department Commander cannot permit his personal sympathies to guide him. The inter-

ests of every Post must be included in his responsibilities. Thus actuated he will be obliged to refuse all requests like those above referred to.

Addresses wanted—

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IX. Wanted by Mrs. Wm. A. Smith, Pleasanton, Linn County, Kansas, P. O. Box 159, the address of Capt. Logan, Company D. 17th Michigan Infantry, or of any members of that company.

Wanted by Comrade Jos. E. Parsons, Post 7, Muskegon, Mich., the address of Avander V. Dickinson, 23d Michigan Infantry, 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 23d Army Corps.

X. The Roster prepared by the late Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Hamilton, will be sent from these headquarters in a day or two.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., May 1, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 4.

Again we approach the day that should be dear to every citizen of the Republic.

The thirtieth day of May is the Veteran's Memorial Day. It is a day made sacred by a patriotic reverence for the memory of the silent soldier. A reverence that should be altogether the guiding spirit of the day upon which we scatter sweet blossoms of the spring time upon the grassy mounds of our comrades and the Republic's defenders sleeping eternally.

Let it be noted in Michigan that Memorial Day, 1896, was specially observed in every village and town. Let all efforts to turn the day into one of games and pleasure, for

pecuniary benefit, or into one of amusements that shall incline the youthful mind away from the sentiment of patriotic loyalty, intended to be the lesson of the day, be earnestly opposed and, if possible, prevented.

Invite the coöperation of all citizens in the exercises of the day. Especially let the school children receive such an invitation as shall fill their hearts with joy at the feeling of being participants upon such a national occasion, and shall cause them to grow strong as supporters in the future of a continuance of the observance of the day.

Let the noble body of women who form the great auxiliary of aid to our Order, and the Sons of Veterans who are closely allied by kinship, be brought very near to the exercises of Memorial Day.

Do not confine the beautiful custom of floral offerings laid upon the mounds of our comrades dead, to cemeteries and church yards, but wherever there rests the bones of one of the departed heroes, if within the power of any comrade to reach, let that spot be remembered. Such a one loved his country. He was somebody's boy, sacrificing home and mother's companionship to duty.

The custom of attending divine service by Posts on the Sabbath immediately preceding Memorial Day, is approved. Where no Posts are established it is advised that the clergy be invited to hold special Memorial services on that Sunday. The lessons of patriotism taught by the exercises upon such occasion are far reaching.

Remember, comrades, these are our days. The age stones that mark life's pathway are being rapidly approached and passed. As we journey let us strive to strengthen the love of country and of the memory of the soldier dead in the breasts of the rising generations. Soon it will be you and I for whom the words shall pass, "Lights Out."

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., June 1, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 5.

I. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

C. E. Giddings, Post 182, Fremont.
 J. W. Dean, Post 175, Escanaba.
 Geo. W. Norton, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
 Israel Sayler, Post 101, Ithaca.
 W. V. Banning, Post 89, Flushing.
 Levi Bearss, Post 62, Cedar Springs.
 O. H. Chapman, Post 259, Litchfield.
 John Graham, Post 22, Buchanan.
 C. Collamer, Post 205, Owosso.
 Jas. Greacen, Post 84, Kalkaska.
 Geo. Ackles, Post 219, Jonesville.
 James Martin, Post 35, South Haven.
 John Nies, Post 262, Holland.
 W. R. Norwood, Post 132, Portland.
 C. C. Forney, Post 123, Frankfort.
 Geo. W. Dickinson, Post 13, Harbor Springs.
 I. B. Turner, Post 110, Hudson.
 N. D. Hagerman, Post 72, Three Rivers.
 Geo. Sauer, Post 178, Sheridan.
 Erastus Smith, Post 234, Hubbardston.
 Wm. A. Jellison, Post 300, Marquette.
 Lot Nevius, Post 372, Frankfort.
 C. H. Schultz, Post 315, New Buffalo.
 H. S. Warren, Post 186, Otisville.

II. Comrade R. W. Jacklin, Department Inspector, having nominated to the Department Commander the following named Comrades to be Assistant Inspectors, they are hereby appointed, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Name.	No. Post.	Name.	No. Post.
James Cavanaugh.....	7	L. A. Spencer.....	35
John Scott.....	8	Thomas Finch.....	37
John Steel.....	14	M. F. Keller.....	38
R. W. Allen.....	17	Edwin R. Havens.....	42
W. P. Wood.....	22	Peter B. Cade.....	55
Amos Abby.....	28	Wm. H. Smith.....	61
John D. Kelley.....	34	B. F. Oakes.....	63

Name.	No. Post.	Name.	No. Post.
P. A. Penfield.....	68	Martin D. Swain	199
Jeff P. McKey.....	72	Hiram Smith.....	200
Charles E. Soule	75	Ernest M. Hopkins.....	202
Levi West.....	82	O. M. Gates.....	215
David M. White.....	84	William Cooley.....	119
Sylvester M. Copeland.....	85	Lewis Miller	222
W. J. Ottaway	89	David Sample	225
Fred Wellington.....	90	Alba Harris.....	234
Wilson Shepard.....	94	William Mears.....	246
N. M. Bowen.....	101	Robert C. Bird.....	261
John Rinkle.....	107	John Kramer.....	262
Franklin Eaton	109	O. J. Caldwell.....	272
Rupert C. Cooley.....	110	C. P. Brown.....	279
Eli Cook.....	111	Isaac Faunce	281
C. D. Cogsdill.....	114	John A. Eldred.....	283
James Goff.....	117	John Stansel	285
George H. Brooks.....	125	A. D. Hurlbut.....	288
Harrison Outwater.....	132	Benjamin F. Tracy.....	291
Alfred A. Key.....	135	C. C. Hodges.....	315
E. N. Chadwick.....	152	E. Z. Fuller.....	323
John Cuzzins.....	166	Herman J. Kusig	337
Alexander Worden.....	170	A. A. Shaver.....	339
E. W. Brown.....	172	C. Bacon.....	343
Alexander McCuaig.....	173	Thomas G. Wilkinson.....	354
E. Glaser.....	175	D. A. Curtice	364
D. A. Pond.....	178	Eugene Shook.....	368
Lyman Carpenter	185	W. A. Joy.....	372
C. H. Crofford	187	Charles P. Colvin	375
A. B. White.....	193	Charles M. Boyers.....	393
James Hall.....	196	John Rothermel.....	402

III. Post Commanders who have not already done so, will at once send the name of a competent Comrade to the Department Inspector, Comrade R. W. Jacklin, 231 First street, Detroit, to be nominated as Assistant Inspector for their respective Posts.

IV. General Orders No. 9, National Headquarters, have been forwarded with the Department Roster to the address of all Post Adjutants. General Orders No. 10, National Headquarters, officially announcing the death of Past Commander-in-Chief, General Lucius Fairchild of Wisconsin, are sent out with these Orders. The attention of all officers is called to the instructions as to the badge of mourning.

V. Blanks for Post Surgeon's reports, with printed envelopes addressed to Comrade Geo. H. Granger, Medical Director, are being sent to all Post Commanders. These blanks should be filled out and mailed to the Medical director immediately after June 30th inst.

VI. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters, to cover the term ending June 30th inst., with envelopes addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General are being sent to Commanders of Posts.

These blanks furnished by National Headquarters are a complete departure from the former style in use, in that they are both on one sheet of paper. Post Commanders will exercise care in seeing that both the Adjutant and Quartermaster are prompt in making out their respective reports, and that they are forwarded to these Headquarters immediately after the last Post meeting in June, 1896, with the per capita tax either by draft, money order or registered letter. The RED INK figures upon the blanks must not be altered or erased, they are the figures sent in by the Posts in the reports for December, 1895, and show respectively the membership in good standing at that time, the number remaining upon the suspended list, amount of cash in Post funds and amount in Relief fund. Post Commanders are earnestly requested to reduce the suspended list as much as possible. The record, as shown by the last returns, places this Department in an embarrassing position, in comparison with sister departments. Their attention is also called to the action of the National Encampment recommending that Posts delinquent in sending in semi-annual returns, twenty days after the close of term, be published in General Orders. The Department Commander desires to avoid any such unpleasant duty. Promptness on the part of Post Commanders will render such duty necessary. If the blanks for these reports have not been received by Post Commanders before the 15th of June inst., inform Headquarters immediately that Duplicates may be sent.

VII. The route to be taken by Headquarters' train to the National Encampment at St. Paul, will be via the Chicago & Grand Trunk and the Chicago Great Western Railways. The date of starting, Monday, Aug. 31, 1896. Particulars as to the many ways of reaching St. Paul from Michigan, will be given by Circular from these Headquarters at a later date.

VIII. Comrade L. Hemingway has been elected Commander of Post 14, at Benton Harbor, to fill vacancy caused by death, May 6, 1896, of Comrade H. C. Rowe.

IX. Wanted--The address of James Ball, late of Co. C, 6th Michigan Heavy Artillery.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., June 29, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 6.

I. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Holden B. White, Post 17, Detroit, 785 Congress street.
Eugene Muffat, Post 17, Detroit, 581 Seventh street.
John Eckhoff, Post 136, Nunica.
Geo. D. Moreau, Post 160, Corunna.
James C. Wooster, Post 224, Cheboygan.
Elmer Wilson, Post 140, Tecumseh.
O. Gunn, Post 160, Vermontville.
T. T. Hubbard, Post 375, Saginaw. E. S.
Joseph H. Powell, Post 16, Evart.
Alfred M. Apted, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
H. A. Lathrop, Post 418, Morgan.
E. E. Trim, Post 180, Ypsilanti.

II. Post Commanders are urged to see that Post Chaplain reports of Memorial Day are forwarded at once to Comrade J. S. Preston, Department Chaplain, Lyons, Mich.

III. Printed proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of this Department are being mailed to Post Adjutants for use of the Post.

IV. Let promptness characterize the action of Post Commanders, Adjutants, and Quartermasters in sending

to the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing, immediately after July 1st, the semi-annual reports for the term then ending. The standing of the Department at National Headquarters depends upon the work of the Post officers in sending in their reports.

V. The Department Headquarters are located in the Capitol at Lansing. All visiting comrades are cordially welcome, and are invited to feel that the office of the Assistant Adjutant General is their resting spot. A telephone has been placed in the office. When it is desired to use the phone from any locality, call up G. A. R. Headquarters, Lansing, over the lines of the Michigan Telephone Exchange, paying the charges at your end of the line.

VI. Patriotic instruction in the schools of Michigan is a work that is being systematically prosecuted in very many localities, through the energetic efforts of the committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds of Stanton, Mich. It is the earnest wish of this most estimable worker in the line of all work where patriotic love of country is a leading thought, that the several localities where there are no Corps Auxiliaries to Posts, be made to feel the benefits of patriotic teaching in the schools through the coöperative efforts of the comrades of the G. A. R. Mrs. Hinds is ready to furnish all information necessary and to send out free of charge a "Ritual for Teaching Patriotism in Public Schools" to all who may show an interest in the work. The Department Commander specially commends the work of Mrs. Hinds to all the comrades of the Department. Her untiring and devoted efforts in securing a foothold for the teaching of patriotism in our public schools is worthy our best assistance.

VII. The Grand Army button was adopted by the Order as a more convenient symbol of membership than the badge, to be worn by comrades in the daily walks of life. While the badge should always be worn in the Post room, if practicable, and upon occasions of gatherings of the G. A. R. for special purposes, the button should always be seen when a comrade is upon the streets or when traveling. No emblem save the flag is dearer to a comrade when among strangers than the "Bronze Button" of the G. A. R.; it is at once an introduction to a

friend. If you are without a button, secure one at once from your Post Quartermaster, and let your neighbors know that you are upon the rolls of the Grand Army of the Republic. In this connection, attention is called to Circular No. 1 from these Headquarters sent herewith.

VIII. Comrade Wm. Markes, of Millington, Mich., lost his membership badge at the annual Department Encampment held in Saginaw this year. His name is upon the badge, which he prized because of many years of ownership. The finder should correspond with Comrade Markes.

IX. Information is wanted by Alpha Bragg, St. Clair, Mich., wife of Miles W. Bragg, formerly a member of Co. I, 1st Mich. Engineers and Mechanics, of the address of members of that company who knew of his sickness (spinal meningitis) and the hospital that he was in. He is now an inmate of the Pontiac Asylum.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., July 27, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 7.

I. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Joel Cowgill, Post No. 157, Cassopolis.
J. M. Shepard, Post No. 157, Cassopolis.
Zealous Sperry, Post No. 91, St. Louis.
James A. Tyler, Post No. 316, Grant Station.
Thos. N. Wright, Post No. 166, Marshall.
Chauncey Brace, Post No. 147, Pontiac.
George Brown, Post No. 30, Coloma.

II. The following named comrades having been nominated by the Department Inspector to be Assistant Inspectors, they are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Post Commanders who have not yet sent in the name of a comrade to act as Assistant Inspector will do so at once, mailing the same direct to R. W. Jacklin, Department Inspector, 231 First street, Detroit, and *not* to these headquarters.

Name	No. Post.	Name.	No. Post.
James Wood	1	George Davenport	188
H. H. Weaver	4	William L. Morse	190
Stephen M. Kent	5	Thomas Nicholson	197
W. H. Tallman	6	Elias R. Welch	201
Byron Staubler	12	George Cook	203
Albert C. Hawley	15	Charles L. Cleveland	206
D. W. Welch	16	William Beach	208
William S. Ostler	17	Robert Kelso	209
James A. Weyant	26	William I. Marcus	214
George Garratt	30	Culver Patterson	223
B. F. Heckert	31	George P. Humphrey	224
Warren G. Morehouse	32	J. S. Walling	226
H. M. Parker	43	A. G. Houghton	232
John Verity	44	William Wall	237
Freeman J. Atwell	47	W. R. Barrett	238
W. W. Bennett	48	R. H. Halstead	239
James Bronson	58	J. E. Mason	242
Jerome Blakeman	59	Samuel Morrison	250
R. C. Bishop	60	George Vandaworica	252
Miles Mulford	62	A. S. Gibson	256
George Richardson	69	Frank Barber	259
V. P. Fales	74	Jas. M. Edwards	267
H. B. Hudson	86	Morris Vincent	274
O. I. Moon	91	C. B. Smith	284
George I. Hale	97	A. H. Baker	294
R. Papst	118	J. T. Calhoon	297
George Barnes	120	George Blain	302
Harvey J. Hopkins	121	Orrin Parsons	314
Dennis Wright, Jr.	127	Jacob F. Trieber	316
U. H. Way	131	Alfred Doolittle	317
H. E. Plant	136	Augustus Pomeroy	318
William S. Clark	137	L. S. Allen	333
Frank White	139	J. W. Parker	336
Eben R. Elenwood	141	A. R. Byrd	341
Alexander Reynick	143	Otis Freeman	350
F. W. Hide	161	W. D. Stayman	383
Chas. W. Earnest	162	Charles H. Chope	384
David Purchis	163	Asa L. Porter	388
C. A. Hannaford	168	P. H. Humiston	392
John A. Griffin	169	Hiram P. Tigles	418
Eugene Holbrook	180	Martin M. Andrews	419
S. G. Allen	182	Charles Hamlin	420
Charles Moon	186	Levi Tuttle	422

III. The Department Commander earnestly hopes that the attendance from Michigan upon the National Encampment at St. Paul may be a large one. While it will afford great pleasure to meet many of his comrades upon Headquarters train, and the wish is expressed that as many as possibly can take that train, it is desired that all who are so located as to find other routes more accessible will avail themselves of such routes and meet him at St. Paul.

IV. Circular No. 2 C. S. is mailed with these orders and conveys information furnished by the Department Transportation Committee that is quite complete. Comrades desiring sleeping car accommodations from Chicago should heed the instructions in the circular of the committee and send in their orders at once to Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, at these Headquarters. The rates of \$4 a section or \$2 a berth.

V. Aides-de-Camp or other members of the Department Staff desiring a mount for the parade of Sept. 2, SHOULD ADDRESS AT ONCE J. C. Shandrew, Vice Chairman Committee on Parades, Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minn. The prices are \$4.00 for use of horse *without* equipments, \$7.00 for a horse with equipments, consisting of McClellan saddle, bridle and cloth, said equipments to become the property of the party hiring the same. If equipments are not retained, \$2.00 will be returned.

VI. Posts needing supplies before the National Encampment, should mail their requisitions to these Headquarters before Aug. 26, as no supplies will be sent out between August 28 and September 8.

VII. The following Posts have been organized and mustered in this Department: John Ritchie Post No. 430, at Taymouth, Saginaw county, July 14, with 20 charter members. Comrade Wm. S. Little, assisted by comrades of Post 375, as mustering officer. Commander Thos. Booger, Adjutant David McNally.

Pleasanton Post No. 429, at Ironwood, Gogebic county, July 18, with 14 charter members. Comrade Curtis Buck as mustering officer. Commander Curtis Buck, Adjutant J. F. Lyon.

Gordon Post No. 366, at White Cloud, Newaygo county, July 18, with 16 charter members. Comrade E. E. Giddings, assisted by comrades of Post No. 182, as mustering

officer. Commander Fred Baker, Adjutant Geo. W. Bennett.

VIII. The address is wanted of Abner Porter, late private 8th Mich. Cav. Supposed to be in the west. By Louis Guiette, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Wanted—The name of any member of the 18th Mich. Infy., who was captured Sept. 23, 1864, at Athens, Ala., and confined in Cahaba Prison, Cahaba, Ala., by Col. Henry H. Adams, 177 Broadway, New York City.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., August 12, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 8.

I. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

S. C. Parker, Post 53, Mason.

W. H. A. Godfrey, Post 131, Colon.

E. A. Stevens, Post 159, Middleville.

II. The approach of the dates named for the 30th National Encampment at St. Paul calls for immediate action on the part of all comrades and their friends who desire to secure quarters in St. Paul during the Encampment. C. W. Horr, Chairman Committee on Accommodations, Room 520, Endicott Building, St. Paul, should be addressed in regard to quarters.

III. Department Headquarters will be closed at Lansing from Saturday, August 29th, until September 8th,

during the absence of the Department officers at the National Encampment.

As stated in previous orders, the Department Headquarters will be opened Tuesday noon, September 1st, in Room No. 9, Hotel Windsor, St. Paul. A cordial invitation is extended to all to call and register and meet the Department Commander.

The Headquarters of the Michigan W. R. C. will be in Room No. 17, same hotel.

IV. Post Commanders intending to have their posts represented in the parade and Aides-de-Camp to the Department Commander will report to Comrade W. T. Sherman, Chief of Staff at Department Headquarters, Hotel Windsor, Room No. 9, at 5:00 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 1st, for orders as to the parade of Wednesday.

V. Detroit Post No. 384, having tendered their services as escort to the Department Commander in St. Paul, the same has been accepted.

VI. Department officers and Past Department Commanders with delegates entitled to seats in the National Encampment will meet the Department Commander at Headquarters room, Hotel Windsor, Tuesday evening, Sept. 1st, at 7:00 o'clock promptly, to fill any vacancies that may occur among delegates and transact such business as the interests of the Department may demand at that time. It is expected that the Assistant Adjutant General will be able to give out the official Encampment badge at this meeting.

VII. All delegates to the 30th National Encampment at St. Paul will immediately upon receipt of these orders notify the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing whether they will or will not attend the Encampment. This is quite essential as matters of great importance are to come before the Encampment and every delegate's seat should be filled during the sessions of that body.

VIII. The Committee at St. Paul have arranged for many reunions by regiments and brigades. Comrades, upon their arrival, will find it to their advantage to acquaint themselves at once of time and place of such reunions.

IX. A book for registration will be open at Michigan Headquarters; let all comrades and their friends register

name and quarters where stopping. This as a guide to enquiring friends.

X. If you desire to have mail from home reach you at Department Headquarters, leave orders to have return address on left hand corner of envelope and your address plainly written, care of Michigan G. A. R., Room 9, Hotel Windsor, St. Paul, Minn. If you so order your mail you will be expected to call for it before Saturday, Sept. 5th.

XI. General Orders No. 12, National Headquarters, are sent out with these orders.

XII. The parade of the National Encampment will take place Wednesday, Sept. 2d, 1896. The column will start promptly at 10:00 a. m. from intersection of Dayton and Western avenues moving on Western to Summit, to Sixth, to Smith Park, where reviewing stand is placed, then dismiss. The route is less than two miles long, down grade, all on asphalt pavement free from street car tracks and shaded most of distance.

Michigan's point of assembly for position in the parade will be on Shelby avenue, between Arundel and Mackubin streets, right resting on Department of Iowa on Shelby avenue.

To avoid contact with the marching column and thus save distance in travel to assembly, Michigan should be in position by 10:00 o'clock a. m. Ours is the 4th Division with Iowa only preceding and it is expected to move at 11:00 o'clock.

An Aide detailed by the Parades Committee will escort Michigan Headquarters and all who desire to join the Commander from Hotel Windsor to assembly point, leaving the hotel at 9:30 a. m. sharp. Officers intending to appear mounted should order their horses to be at the hotel by 9:15 a. m. It is earnestly hoped that every Michigan Comrade then in St. Paul who is physically able will take part in the parade.

XIII. In answer to numerous enquiries though stated in previous orders, the Michigan Headquarters train over the Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry. starting from Port Huron 7:00 a. m.; Imlay City, 7:40 a. m.; Lapeer, 8:05 a. m.; Flint, 8:40 a. m.; Durand, 9:30 a. m.; Lansing, 10:30 a. m.; Charlotte, 11:00 a. m.; Battle Creek (20 minutes for dinner), 12:45 p. m.; Schoolcraft 12:55 p. m.; Cassopolis, 1:35 p. m.; is expected to arrive in Chicago at 5:30

p. m. and leave that city via Chicago Great Western Ry. at 7:00 p. m. Sleepers have been engaged to be added to the train at Chicago. Price per section, \$4.00; per berth \$2.00, to St. Paul. Accommodations can now be had, and tickets furnished for these sleepers, by sending money with application to Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich. Such accommodations will not be furnished by Comrade Pond after Saturday, August 29th.

XIV. So far as possible only hand baggage should be taken. If trunks must be used, time and expense may be saved by shipping them by express.

XV. The address of Dr. J. N. Burdick, Surgeon 88th Illinois Vols., is wanted by Mrs. M. E. Rains, 308 Wood avenue, Muskegon. She was the widow of Fletcher Fowler, Corporal Co. E. of that regiment.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., October 8, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 9.

I. The Commander desires to congratulate the comrades of this Department upon the large attendance at the 30th National Encampment held at St. Paul, and to tender the thanks of the Department to those who aided so materially in prominently bringing before the hosts of visitors, the name of our fair State, by their presence in the marching column on the day of the great parade. The number in line representing the Department of Michigan exceeded the most sanguine expectations, while the number who visited and registered at Department Head-

quarters during the days of the Encampment exceeded that of any other National Encampment, save when held in Michigan.

II. To the comrades of the Upper Peninsula special congratulations are due. Never in the history of the Department has there been so large a representation from that portion of our State at any State or National Encampment as at St. Paul. As that gathering of Union veterans is now but a memory, let it be possible that such memory shall be an incentive to give our best efforts toward gathering into our Order speedily all who are worthy to be known as comrades.

III. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander are announced as follows. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Seneca Sly, Post 158.	Geo. Johnson, Post 174.
Albert Jeffery, Post 67.	B. H. Rutter, Post 36.
Wm. S. Chaffee, Post 421.	H. O. Fifield, Post 266.
B. F. Brazee, Post 429.	A. B. DeBell, Post 266.
G. F. Lyon, Post 429.	Samuel Bassett, Post 426.
Thos. Gaynor, Post 8.	R. P. Tuten, Post 426.
T. M. Day, Post 8.	L. J. Monteith, Post 258.
Louis E. Wolf, Post 142.	H. B. Cornell, Post 258.
M. O. Whaples, Post 142.	Wm. P. Derry, Post 94.
N. A. Eddy, Post 175.	Giles Sheldon, Post 94.
Emil Glasser, Post 175.	F. Salonde, Post 343.
A. S. Warne, Post 175.	P. C. Beanston, Post 300.
	L. L. Church, Post 50.

IV. Posts desiring appointments of comrades upon the staff of the Commander-in-Chief should send such requests through these Headquarters for the Department Commander's approval. In making such nominations, Post Commanders are reminded that it is the request of the Commander-in-Chief that all appointments as Aides-de-Camp upon his staff be of comrades so earnestly in sympathy with the objects of our Order as to be willing to prove by results beneficial their appreciation of the honor of appointment.

V. Blanks for Post Inspections according to the Rules, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, are now being addressed to Post Adjutants, who will see that they are at once placed in the hands of Post Inspectors, together with Circular No. 3 and addressed envelope for forwarding

reports to Department Inspector. The Rules and Regulations require these Post Inspections; there can, therefore, be no excuse for not complying with the Rules. Post Commanders will see that their Posts are inspected before January 1, and urge the Inspector to forward his report at once thereafter to the Department Inspector. 31 West Columbia street, Detroit.

VI. Post 432 was organized at Marine City, September 19, 1886, E. S. Jameson, Commander; Charles F. Farman, Adjutant.

VII. Comrade Harrison Branch has been elected and installed as Commander of Post 30 at Coloma, vice Comrade G. P. Williams removed from the town.

VIII. General Orders No. 13 of Past National Commander-in-Chief Comrade Walker, and General Orders No. 1 and 2 of the Present Commander-in-Chief Comrade T. S. Clarkson are sent to Posts with these orders.

IX. The following addresses are wanted: By W. H. Porter, Hesperia, Mich., of any member of Co. C, 6th U. S. Cavalry, or of any member of that regiment.

By Victor A. Bador, Lynn, Mass., of any member of Co. A, 14th U. S. Infantry, between August 1, 1861, and August 1, 1864.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., November, 20, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 10.

I. The following additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Hiram Corbin, Post No. 408, Grand Rapids.
 Asa Morse, Post No. 176, Stanton.
 Henry A. Clow, Post No. 329, Sumner.
 Heman S. Dawson, Post No. 87, Lowell.
 Ogden Tomlinson, Post No. 269, Plainwell.
 N. J. Carney, Post No. 10, Dundee.

II. The following named comrades having been nominated by the Department Inspector to be Assistant Inspectors, they are hereby appointed and will enter upon the discharge of their duties. Blanks for the annual inspection of Posts were mailed to Adjutants early in October. When properly filled out Assistant Inspectors should mail them direct to Comrade R. W. Jacklin, Department Inspector, 31 Columbia street west, Detroit, Michigan.

Name.	No. Post.	Name.	No. Post.
O. D. Curtis.....	2	H. B. Carveth.....	159
Chas. Dustin.....	10	Wm. A. Boyer.....	165
Chas. F. Coles.....	11	Nehemiah Lamb.....	167
Wm. M. Smith.....	18	Horace B. Rodgers.....	174
Chas. W. Peters.....	19	Henry W. House.....	175
Wm. Horton.....	20	William Coleman.....	184
Jno. E. L. Miller.....	21	Isaac Grant.....	199
B. F. Marsh.....	24	N. B. Cole.....	204
Geo. W. Wilt.....	25	W. R. Richardson.....	205
C. W. Willison.....	27	Emery Lamb.....	210
W. L. Bailey.....	29	Jesse Jordan.....	241
B. F. Heckert.....	31	Geo. Crawford.....	247
Albert Deyo.....	33	D. E. Hunt.....	249
John A. Palmer.....	41	W. N. Goodrich.....	266
D. B. Morgan.....	45	N. P. Kellogg.....	269
W. H. Dunn.....	46	Nathan Swisher.....	271
T. C. Tyner.....	49	B. S. Sheppard.....	286
Alvin Davis.....	50	S. S. Stout.....	287
Enos Baldwin.....	53	R. S. Chappell.....	288
Geo. W. Lonsbury.....	56	Allen Cowden.....	300
Henry J. Kellogg.....	57	Jno. Turner.....	307
Jno. N. Sirmyer.....	67	J. F. Croop.....	326
W. A. Younglove.....	70	C. S. Medler.....	327
P. I. Rhoades.....	73	Albert Thompson.....	329
Jacob Collom.....	76	J. Hubbell.....	344
A. W. Brockway.....	80	Jno. Smidt.....	347
A. H. Bennett.....	83	Geo. L. Worthington.....	252
A. Hunter.....	87	Wm. H. LeRoy.....	377
J. M. Van Riper.....	95	John Lemman.....	380
Hiram Meacham.....	96	Charles Clark.....	386
J. A. Carpenter.....	105	Jno. Boone.....	398
R. E. Worden.....	108	Geo. C. Peterhaus.....	404
Orin Wiswell.....	138	Ebenezer Child.....	408
J. M. Ingersoll.....	140	G. W. Worthington.....	416
Jno. W. Begg.....	145	Chas. W. Gurling.....	424
J. F. Henry.....	149	Wm. Crouch.....	527
Albert Morton.....	158	Geo. Shaw.....	432

III. The election of Post officers for the year 1897 will, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R., take place at the first regular meeting of the Post in December, 1896. Blanks have been mailed to Adjutants upon which the names, postoffice address (giving street number, where mail is delivered by carrier) of each officer elected and of the Adjutant to be chosen, should be carefully and plainly written and mailed to these Headquarters the day following the election. The responsibility of spelling names correctly and writing them plainly, rests with Post Adjutants.

IV. At the first regular meeting of the Post held in December, 1896, there should also be elected from its own members representatives and an equal number of alternates to the next Department Encampment, as prescribed in Chapter III, Article II, Rules and Regulations. Posts are entitled to one representative for every fifty members, or fraction thereof of twenty-five or over, as shown to be in good standing in the Post, upon the report received at Department Headquarters for the term ending June 30, 1896. All Posts in good standing, whatever their membership, are entitled to at least one representative. All Past Post Commanders in good standing in their respective Posts are entitled to seats in the Department Encampment.

V. Blanks for credentials of representatives to the Nineteenth Annual Department Encampment have been mailed in duplicate to the Adjutants. Immediately after the election these blanks should be filled out with the names of the elected representatives, alternates and Past Post Commanders, signed by the Commander and Adjutant and one copy mailed to these Headquarters, the other copy being delivered to the Assistant Adjutant General at the Department Encampment. The same care should be exercised in the spelling of the names upon the credentials as is referred to in paragraph III of these orders.

VI. Blanks for the semi-annual returns of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters for the term ending December 31, 1896, have been mailed to Adjutants in duplicate, one copy for Post files, the other copy to be forwarded with the per capita tax the day following the LAST REGU-

LAR MEETING of the Post in December, to these Headquarters. The RED INK figures on these blanks show the membership standing, and the condition of Post funds as reported for June 30, 1896. These figures MUST NOT be altered or erased. Posts failing to send in their reports so as to permit the Assistant Adjutant General to make his report to National Headquarters before January 20, 1897, not only lose their representation in the Department Encampment, but endanger the standing of the Department in the National Encampment.

VII. Installation of Post officers will take place according to the rules at the first regular meeting of the Post in January, 1897, unless a special meeting for public installation has been called. In either case, the officer officiating as installing officer will not proceed with the ceremony, unless assured that the semi-annual returns of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending December 31, 1896, together with the per capita tax, have been forwarded to Department Headquarters.

VIII. Blanks for Post Surgeon reports for the second term of 1896 are mailed with these orders. They should be placed in the hands of the proper officer with instructions to properly fill out the same and forward in the addressed envelope as soon as possible to the Medical Director of the Department, Dr. George H. Granger, Bay City.

IX. In harmony with the views of the local Committee of Arrangements, the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of this Department will be held at Greenville, Mich., April 7-9, 1897. Particulars as to special arrangements will be announced in future orders.

X. Announcement should have been made in previous orders of the organization of Wayne Post No. 431, at Wayne, Mich., July 31, 1896, by Comrade Alex. L. Patrick as mustering officer. Commander, A. F. Smith; Adjutant, Jehial D. Felt. Postoffice address, Wayne, Mich.

General O. M. Poe Post, No. 433, was organized at Detroit, November 19, 1896, by Chief Mustering Officer Comrade Z. B. Graham.

XI. Comrade Charles D. Cowles, Secretary of the Veterans' Association of the Seventeenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, has been instructed to prepare a roster of

the survivors of his regiment. He asks for the names and postoffice address of all members, to be sent to him at Lansing.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., December 30, 1896.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 11.

I. Closing of the old, and entering upon a new year, the Department Commander extends to each and all of his comrades his sincere wish for their happiness and prosperity, and congratulates the Order on the fact that from its ranks have been taken by the choice of the people, the Commander-in-Chief of the State of Michigan and the Commander-in-Chief of the Nation, thus showing once more the confidence placed in the rank and file of the Union Army that preserved to us a united country.

The bugle sound of "Lights Out" has been often heard during the year now closing, and many a dear face we were wont to greet as our comrade has gone from us for all time.

The New Year will, without question, be a repetition of the past, only to a greater extent, in reducing our numbers by eternal sleep. Facing this fact, let it be our privilege to do all possible to relieve sorrow and distress among our comrades and their families. Let Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty be words of sincere impression, as the bells ring out the old, and ring in the New Year.

II. The Posts of this Department are requested to take action upon the following resolutions adopted by the Thirtieth National Encampment of the Order held at

St. Paul in September last, and urge upon the Congressmen of their respective districts and upon Michigan United States Senators, the passage of the bill referred to.

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic endorses the bill (H. R. 4339) now pending in Congress to establish a National Military Park to commemorate the campaign siege and defense of Vicksburg, and respectfully but earnestly asks that it be passed during the next session of the present Congress;

Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief, Department Commanders, and other officers of the Grand Army of the Republic are requested to take such action as may seem best calculated to urge this measure upon the favorable consideration of Congress;

Resolved, That the Adjutant General be, and is hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Department Commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Hon. John A. T. Hull, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs.

III. The Journal of the Proceedings of the Thirtieth National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, held at St. Paul in September, 1896, together with National General Orders No. 3 were sent by mail to all Posts in this Department, between the 10th and 15th of this month. Special attention is asked to that portion of General Orders No. 3 relating to "Outpost" work.

IV. The National Countersign for 1897 is mailed with these orders, under seal, to the Adjutants of Posts as per postoffice address in Roster of 1896.

V. Lists of "Officers elected," and "Credentials" of representatives to the Department Encampment to be held at Greenville in April, 1897, should have been mailed to Department Headquarters immediately after the first regular meeting night in December. Blanks and return envelopes were sent to all Posts early in November. One hundred and fifty (150) Posts have not responded. Is your Post one of the delinquents?

VI. The semi-annual returns for the term ending the 31st of December must be forwarded with the per capita tax of ten (10) cents to Department Headquarters before the newly elected officers can be installed. If Posts, upon receipt of these orders, have not already sent in their semi-annual returns, they should forward them immediately. The last regular meeting in December is the

time when they are to be made out. Comrades should see to it that their officers attend to this important work, and avoid a suspension of the Post.

VII. The Senior Past Post Commander attending the meetings of the Post is designated as the official to install the officers at the first regular meeting in January, unless special detail has been otherwise arranged for.

VIII. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander are announced as follows. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

J. S. Walling, Post 226.	Alexander Pratt, Post 396.
Jno. M. Howe, Post 44.	John M. Wells, Post 88.
Dan'l Thompson, Post 398.	G. R. Goodell, Post 270.

The name of Henry Corbin appearing in list of Aides-de-Camp in General Orders No. 10, C. S., should read Hiram Corbin.

IX. Comrade R. W. Jacklin, Department Inspector, having nominated to the Department Commander the following named comrades to be Assistant Inspectors, they are hereby appointed, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Name	No. Post.	Name.	No. Post.
L. W. Vaughn.....	23	Abel Hill	243
J. H. Booth.....	36	P. Bissell	258
S. E. Hadcock.....	39	John Conard.....	270
Lafayette Romley.....	40	L. C. Long.....	298
A. Jacobs.....	52	J. R. Krigger.....	306
John Carroll.....	54	F. A. Blackman.....	320
J. W. Edwards.....	64	Chas. L. Buzzell.....	342
Harrison Mitchell.....	66	C. D. Coddington.....	348
F. P. Muhlenberg.....	79	Jacob Gunsaul.....	351
F. R. Chase.....	126	Lemuel Brewer.....	345
S. D. Thompson.....	133	Wm. J. Williamson.....	357
O. A. Williams.....	144	Horace Duell.....	371
Geo. A. Potts.....	153	Albert S. Sholes.....	381
N. S. Parmlee.....	156	S. A. Mallery.....	382
D. C. King.....	164	John J. Carl.....	394
Moses Baker.....	171	Daniel Z. Kline.....	395
C. A. Fairbrother.....	177	C. T. Gregg.....	396
Hiram Chase.....	194	Ishamel Comstock.....	399
J. C. Sevy.....	217	George Stoddard.....	425
Wm. H. Nichols.....	218	John T. McCurdy.....	433

X. Comrades of this Department are cautioned against imposition by one calling himself James Warren,

age about 60 years, thin, nervous make-up, claims to have been in some National home and to be drawing a pension. He is reported by the comrades of Post 3, Whitehall, as having proved himself an "all-around dead beat and drunkard"—last heard of at Grand Haven.

XI. Wanted—The address of Amos F. Blair and James Carroll, both of Company E, 136 New York Volunteers, by A. D. Moore, of Ypsilanti, Mich.

The address of Charles Adkin, Company D, Twenty-second Michigan Volunteer Infantry, by his brother, George Adkin, No. 54 Catharine street, Muskegon, Mich.

The address of Colonel Sidell, who commanded the Third Regiment Ohio Cavalry, by Victor Sanford, Michigan Soldiers' Home.

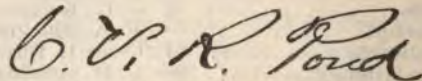
The address of relatives of John Bigle, formerly of Twenty-fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, who died about two years ago near Cassopolis, Mich. He appeared to have no home, was buried by the comrades of the local Post No. 157, G. A. R., of Cassopolis. His effects, consisting of clothing, pictures, pension papers, etc., are now in possession of Norris Richardson, the Post Commander at Cassopolis, Mich., to whom communications should be addressed.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., January 30, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 12.

I. As announced in General Orders No. 10—the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., will be held at Greenville, Mich., on Wednesday and Thursday, April 7th and 8th, 1897. The Encampment will be called to order in the opera house at 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, April 7th.

II. The Railway Association of Michigan have authorized "an open rate of one fare for the round trip to Greenville from all points in Michigan." Dates for the sale of excursion tickets going April 6th and 7th, limited to return on or before April 9th, 1897. This is the lowest rate granted in several years for benefit of our State Encampment, and will be appreciated by the comrades throughout the Department. It is to be hoped that the attendance at the Encampment will be large.

III. Department Headquarters will be established at Hotel Phelps in Greenville, Tuesday evening, April 6th.

IV. The chairman of the local Committee on Accommodations, Comrade L. W. Sprague, authorizes the following statement of arrangements with hotels and private houses for week of the Encampment:

Hotel Phelps, capacity 250, rates \$2 and \$2.50 per day.

The Webster, capacity 150, rates \$1 per day.

Hotel Myers, capacity 60, rates \$1 per day.

Mrs. Tompkins' Boarding House, room for 30, rates \$1 per day.

Private houses will afford accommodations for 1,500 guests, rates not to exceed \$1 per day.

It is expected that the National Hotel will be opened in March; if it is, its capacity will be 100 and the rate will be \$1 per day during Encampment.

All inquiries as to accommodations for the week of the Encampment should be addressed to L. W. Sprague, chairman of the Committee on Accommodations, Greenville, Mich. Dr. A. W. Nichols is chairman of the local Committee of Arrangements.

V. Several Posts have failed to send in complete lists of officers for 1897, giving names and postoffice addresses of Commander and Adjutant. Without such names and addresses the Roster being prepared for the printer will be incomplete.

Credentials for use at Department Encampment have not been received from all the Posts. Ten Posts are delinquent in making semi-annual reports for term ending Dec. 31, 1896. Unless reporting at once these Posts will forfeit their right to representation at Department Encampment.

VI. General Orders No. 4, National Headquarters, are sent out with these orders. A circular letter from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans endorsed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic is also sent out with these orders.

VII. Addresses wanted—

Of John B. Wood, Company C, Fifth Michigan Infantry, by George Gelland, 45 Theresa street, Cleveland, Ohio.

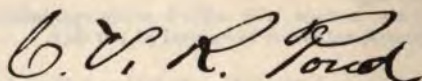
Of Andrew Hanlin, late Second Lieutenant; Peter Buffinger, late Orderly Sergeant; August Miller, late Sergeant, or Fred Stern, late Corporal, all of Company K, Fifth Michigan Infantry, also of the Assistant Surgeon of that Regiment, on duty at Battle of Gettysburg, by Herman Fellman, care of George G. Meade, Post No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., March 8, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS

No 13.

I. As announced in General Orders No. 12—the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Greenville, Mich., on Wednesday and Thursday, April 7th and 8th, 1897. The Encampment will be called to order in the opera house at 10:30 a. m. on Wednesday, April 7th.

II. The Railway Association of Michigan have authorized “an open rate of one fare for the round trip to Greenville from all points in Michigan.” Dates for the sale of excursion tickets going April 6th and 7th, limited to return on or before April 9th, 1897. This is the lowest rate granted in several years for benefit of our State Encampment, and will be appreciated by the comrades throughout the Department. It is to be hoped that the attendance at the Encampment will be large.

III. Department Headquarters will be established at Hotel Phelps in Greenville, Tuesday evening, April 6th.

IV. The Council of Administration will meet the Department Commander at his quarters, Tuesday evening, April 6th, at 8 o'clock, to transact such business as may properly come before them.

V. The Committee on Credentials will meet at Hotel Phelps, Tuesday evening, April 6th, at 7:30 o'clock, and again Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Comrades entitled to seats in the Encampment will report to the committee and receive badges, which are an essential, with the countersign, to admission to the same.

VI. The Commander of Post No. 83, at Greenville, will make a detail for duty during the Encampment of one Officer of the Day, one Officer of the Guard, and twelve Guards.

The Officer of the Day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 7, Hotel Phelps, at 7 o'clock p. m., April 6th.

VII. All requisitions for supplies should be made to reach Department Headquarters at Lansing before March 31, 1897, as the books and accounts will be closed

on that day to enable inspection by the Executive Committee.

VIII. It is expected that the Commander-in-Chief will be present at the Encampment.

IX. All inquiries as to accommodations during the Encampment should be addressed to L. W. Sprague, chairman Entertainment Committee.

X. McCook Post, No. 434, located at McBride's, Montcalm county, was mustered into commission February 24th, 1897, and M. J. Christian chosen Commander.

XI. The annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will convene at Greenville at same time as our Encampment.

XII. The work of perfecting the records of the Department as inaugurated by the Assistant Adjutant General is one which will be of great value to the Order when completed. Blanks for entry of all members in good standing and upon the suspended list January 1, 1897, were sent to the Adjutants of all Posts January 15. There have been received at this date lists from 237 Posts for which the Assistant Adjutant General desires in these orders to thank the Adjutants of those Posts for their hearty coöperation in the work. There remain 145 Posts yet to send in the lists. Let an earnest effort be made to send these into Headquarters before the 15th inst.

XIII. Address wanted—

Of Laban Hanold, late private 100 Ohio Volunteer Infantry (last heard of in Leadville, Col.), by his brother, Fred Hanold, 65 Chestnut street, Muskegon, Mich.

In Memoriam.

The Department Commander, through the medium of the press, has received the sad news announcing the death, at his home in Binghamton, New York, on the 18th of February, of Comrade Past Commander-in-Chief Major General John C. Robinson.

Comrade Robinson, during his term as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, gave to Michigan, over his official signature, the charter under which we as a Department are now working. His name will always be held in sacred memory by our membership.

The charter of the Department will be draped for 30 days from the date of these orders. Post charters will be draped, and Department and Post officers will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days after receipt of these orders.

By command of
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

CIRCULARS.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., July 1, 1896.

CIRCULAR
No. 1.

Requests made personally and by letter to these Headquarters for extracts of the statute law of Michigan, and of the rules of the Grand Army of the Republic, relating to the right to wear the Grand Army of the Republic badge or button, have become so numerous, that it is deemed for the best interest of the order to publish said law and rules in full as follows:

The rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Chapter V, Article IX, Section 5, reads:

“No person shall be entitled to wear the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic, unless he is a member in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic.”

Public Acts, Session Laws 1887, has the following:

[No. 78.]

AN ACT to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or the badge of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, that any person who shall wilfully wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the badge of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use or wear the same to obtain aid or assistance thereby within this State, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same under the rules and regulations of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Michigan commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days in

the county jail, or a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 19, 1887.

Where it can be done without cost to the Posts, the publishers of local papers should be invited to print the above extracts from the laws. The veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic desire to shield the public from any imposition by imposters, and to that end the above law was placed on the statute book.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,

Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., July 25, 1896.

CIRCULAR

No. 2.

As the time for the National Encampment at St. Paul is near at hand, the following information is promulgated, that those desirous of attending, if not already informed, may avail themselves of the benefit of this circular.

Headquarters train will leave Port Huron over the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway, at 7 a. m., Monday, Aug. 31; Flint, 8:40 a. m.; Durand, 9:30 a. m.; Lansing, 10:30 a. m.; Battle Creek, twenty minutes for dinner, leave 12:05 p. m.; Vicksburg, 12:45 p. m.; Schoolcraft, 12:55 p. m.; Cassopolis, 1:35 p. m.; South Bend, Ind., about 2:15 p. m.; arrive in Chicago, 5:30 p. m.

This train will run through solid via the Chicago Great Western Railway to St. Paul, leaving Chicago at 7 p. m., reaching St. Paul "on or before" 8:30 a. m., Tuesday, September 1.

Sleeping cars will be attached to the train at Chicago, charge for berth \$2. All applications for sleeping car accommodations, whether by persons who will take the train on its way through Michigan or at Chicago, should be made immediately to C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, and in every case to insure an engagement of accommodations, the money must accompany the request. Several berths in these sleepers have already been engaged.

One sleeping car will be known as Headquarters Department of Michigan G. A. R., and one as Headquarters of the Department W. R. C.

Parties living on other lines of railroad desiring to take Headquarters train at junction points on the Grand Trunk Railway should see that their tickets read via Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway to Chicago, and Chicago Great Western Railway to St. Paul.

Parties living on any of the Michigan railroads that have terminal facilities at Chicago who desire to take Headquarters train at Chicago, should be sure and reach that city before 7 p. m., August 31, and see that their tickets read via Chicago Great Western Railroad from Chicago to St. Paul.

The basis of rates of fare via Headquarters train will be not more than one cent per mile each way. Meals at eating stations, 50 cents. Tickets will be good to return up to September 15, with privilege of extending to and including September 30, if deposited with city agent of Chicago Great Western Railway, St. Paul or Minneapolis.

The various railroads in Michigan afford various means for reaching St. Paul.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway will sell tickets via any of the St. Paul roads out of Chicago.

The Michigan Central main and air lines will sell tickets via any St. Paul road out of Chicago, or they will sell on their Mackinac lines via the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway from St. Ignace.

The Ann Arbor Railway will sell tickets via boat across lake from Frankfort to connect with any St. Paul lines on opposite shore. This road will run through cars to St. Paul if a sufficient number of persons (50 at least) shall desire to go that way.

The Grand Rapids & Indiana line will sell via boat from Muskegon, the Soo lines from St. Ignace, the West Michigan to Chicago or to connect with Headquarters train at Vicksburg if their agents are notified in time how many tickets are wanted via Headquarters route.

The D., L. & N. and C. & W. M. Ry. will sell via Chicago and any St. Paul road, or by Lake Michigan boats at points they touch, Grand Haven or Muskegon.

The F. & P. M. Ry. will sell via their lines and boats across Lake Michigan.

The Detroit, Grand Haven, and Milwaukee and other branches of the Grand Trunk system will sell via Headquarters train, or via boat from Grand Haven to Milwaukee. The train leaving West Bay City 7:20 a. m., August 31, over the C., S. & M. division of the Grand Trunk system will connect at Durand with Headquarters train. Also the train on the D., G. H. & M. division leaving Detroit 6:55 a. m. will connect at Durand in time. The same division from the west, Ionia, St. Johns, and other stations, will connect at Durand with Headquarters train at 9:25 a. m.

The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway and the Soo Pacific Railway will be prepared to handle all traffic offered from the lower or upper peninsula and run in to St. Paul.

The amount of baggage carried in order to avoid danger of crowded conditions, as taught by experience in the past, should be limited to that which can be carried by hand. Where necessary to take trunks or pieces which have to be checked, be sure that it is on same train with owner.

If you desire accommodations during week of Encampment, address at once, C. W. Horr, Chairman Accommodations Committee, Room 520, Endicott building, St. Paul, stating what you want and for how many.

Parlor 9, Windsor Hotel, will be the Headquarters Room for the Department of Michigan. It will be opened Tuesday noon, September 1.

The parade will take place on Wednesday, September 2. The National Encampment will open Thursday, September 3, and probably continue through Friday.

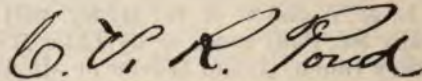
Fraternally yours,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Approved:

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

TO POST ADJUTANTS—Hand this circular, the enclosed report blank and envelope to your Assistant Inspector at once. If your Commander has not appointed an Assistant Inspector ask him to do so at once.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., October 1, 1896.

CIRCULAR
No. 3.

Comrade—You have been appointed Assistant Inspector for the purpose of inspecting your Post according to rules and regulations of the G. A. R., which read as follows:

Chap. V, Art. V, Section 1.

“An annual inspection of each Post shall be made between November 1 and December 31 by the Assistant Inspector, Department officer, or other comrade assigned to such duty, the report of the same to be made to the Inspector of the Department not later than January 1.”

Blanks for your inspection work will be handed you by the Commander or Adjutant of your Post, together with an envelope addressed to R. W. Jacklin, Inspector Department of Michigan, G. A. R., 31 Columbia street west, Detroit, Mich.

Please follow the rules and regulations explicitly,

make your inspection and send in your report to Comrade Jacklin within the time named.

BE PARTICULAR to fill every blank on 1st, 2d and 3d page of Report and sign your name. This is very essential in order to have your Post receive its proper credit as inspected.

By command of

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
Department Commander.

[OFFICIAL.]



Assistant Adjutant General.

R. W. JACKLIN,
Department Inspector.

IMPORTANT.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., November 12, 1896.

SPECIAL CIRCULAR.

To the Commander: Comrade—The Department Inspector informs me that you have not sent to him the name and address of an Assistant Inspector for your Post.

In General Orders No. 2, April 15, 1896, from these Headquarters, you were requested to send at once the name of a comrade for the office of Assistant Inspector. Again in General Orders No. 5, June 1, your attention was called to this matter, and again in General Orders No. 7, July 27, you were asked to give this matter your immediate attention.

In October blanks for Post inspections were sent to your Adjutant with a circular to be given to the Assist-

Sec. 2. The general supervision of said Soldiers' Home shall be vested in a board of managers to consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the members of which board shall hold their office for the respective terms of two, four and six years from the first day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, said respective terms of office to be designated in their several appointments, and thereafter there shall be two members of said board appointed every two years, whose term of office shall continue for six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall be a member of said board ex officio, and shall be chairman thereof.

Sec. 3. The said board is hereby empowered to select and establish with all convenient dispatch a site for the Soldiers' Home, and for that purpose they are authorized to receive proposals for the donation of lands for the location of such home in behalf of the State and for the benefit of such institution: Provided, That good and [and] sufficient titles to any lands thus granted shall be obtained by said board before any such site shall be fully established.

Sec. 4. The said board, having established a site for the home, shall immediately deposit a certificate of their determination, together with all conveyances of lands granted, in the office of the Auditor General. They shall also prepare, or cause to be prepared, and adopt a plan for the grounds, buildings and fixtures necessary for such institution, of such form, dimensions, style and finish, as when completed the grounds and improvements thereon, including the buildings and fixtures therein, shall be at a cost to the State not exceeding the sum hereinbefore appropriated.

Sec. 5. The board of managers having secured a site and adopted a plan for the grounds and buildings, which shall not comprise less than one hundred acres of land, shall forthwith proceed to advertise for proposals for the erection and furnishing of such parts of the buildings, in accordance with their plans, as may be necessary to put the said institution in readiness at an early day for the reception of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as

shall be hereinafter declared entitled to homes in said institution; and upon the reception of such proposal they may, in their discretion, make contracts with such bidders as shall make proposals most conducive to the interests of the State, taking into consideration the price, time of performance and responsibility of the contractor, with such sureties as he may offer; which contract, when duly executed, shall also be deposited in the office of the Auditor General, and a duplicate of said contract shall be kept by the secretary or other proper officer of the board as a part of the records of the institution.

Sec. 6. Each of the members of said board shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each day he shall be engaged with the business of the board and his actual and necessary expenses, the accounts for such expenses and compensation to be allowed by the Board of State Auditors and paid from the general fund in a similar manner to those for members of other boards of the several State institutions.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the members of the board of managers to meet annually at the home on the second Wednesday in March of each year, and at said annual meeting they shall elect of their own body a treasurer and a clerk, who shall hold their office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the board of managers to meet once in every three months, on their own adjournment, and oftener if they should deem it advisable, at which meeting they shall prepare and carefully digest and mature a system of government for said home, embracing all such rules, regulations and general laws as they may deem necessary for preserving order, for enforcing discipline, for preserving the health of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as may be received at this home.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of maturing said system of government and discipline it shall be competent for said board to authorize one of its members to visit similar institutions now in operation, and by personal inspection and investigation to acquire an insight into the principles and practical workings of said similar homes, for the information and benefit of said board, the expense actually and necessarily incurred in any such visit and inves-

tigation to be charged against the appropriation hereinbefore made.

Sec. 10. The board of managers shall have power, and it shall be their duty to appoint a Commandant for said home who shall be an ex-officer, soldier or marine, whose salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum, and who shall nominate for the action of the board of managers all necessary subordinate officers, who shall also be ex-officers, soldiers, sailors or marines, who may be dismissed by said Commandant for inefficiency or misconduct; but in case of every removal a detailed statement of the case shall be reported to the board of managers by the Commandant. The board of management shall have power to fix the salaries of all subordinate officers: Provided, The amount so paid shall not exceed such reasonable compensation as is paid for the like service in similar institutions.

Sec. 11. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war of the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, and who are disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning their living, and who would be otherwise dependent upon public or private charity, shall be entitled to be admitted to said home, subject to the rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the board of managers to govern the admission of applicants to said home: Provided, That no applicant shall be admitted to said home who has not been a resident of the State of Michigan for one year next preceding the date of the original passage of this act, unless he served in a Michigan regiment or was accredited to the State of Michigan.

Sec. 12. The method of drawing money from the State treasury and accounting for the same shall be similar to that now in force with other State institutions, as prescribed by the general law.

Sec. 13. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six the further sum of forty thousand dollars, which sums when collected shall be passed to the credit of the general fund

to reimburse the same for the amounts advanced under the provisions of this act.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

Approved May 21, 1889.

Approved April 28, 1891.

[Act No. 249, Session Laws 1889, p. 370; amended Act 47, p. 143, 1895.]

AN ACT relating to the admission of insane members of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to the insane [asylums] asylum of this State, and to their support at such asylums.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That in case any member of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall become insane, and shall be so adjudged according to law, and shall be sent to any one of the asylums for the insane, such insane inmate shall not thereby lose his connection with said Michigan Soldiers' Home, and the proper officers of said Soldiers' Home shall claim from the general government any proportion of the cost of maintaining such insane inmate to which said Soldiers' Home is entitled by law.

Sec. 2. Whenever any such inmate of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall be adjudged insane according to law, the probate judge having jurisdiction thereof may commit such insane person to any insane asylum of this State to be there maintained and supported at the expense of the State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved July 3, 1889.

Approved March 29, 1895.

[Act No. 90, Session Laws 1895, p. 199.]

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance of discipline and for the better government of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the officers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the

Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, shall consist of a Commandant, with the military rank of Colonel; an Adjutant, with the military rank of Major; a Surgeon, with the military rank of Major; a Quartermaster, with the military rank of Captain, and such non-commissioned officers as the Commandant may from time to time appoint.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to provide some suitable place within said home wherein disobedient or otherwise disorderly persons can be restrained, and the said Commandant or such other officer as may be temporarily in command may place in restraint any disobedient or otherwise disorderly person, until such person can be brought before the proper judicial tribunal, or until the necessity for such restraint shall have passed away: Provided, No person shall be so restrained more than forty-eight hours.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of such Commandant to make a detailed written report of every case in which said restraint shall have been resorted to, to the board of managers of the home at the next meeting of the board after such action shall have been taken.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 24, 1895.

WOMAN'S ANNEX.

[Act No. 212, Session Laws 1893, p. 423.]

AN ACT establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be erected, at some suitable spot upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to be designated by the board of managers of said Soldiers' Home, a dormitory building, cottage, or cottages, not to cost

when finished a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, for the care of soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the late civil war and were honorably discharged, their wives and mothers: Provided, That such wives must have been married to soldiers, sailors and marines during the war or previous to January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Sec. 2. In case the husband is living and does not wish to be separated from his wife by entering the Soldiers' Home, then he shall also be eligible to admittance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cottages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the purpose of erecting and furnishing said dormitory or cottage buildings, and the further sum of five thousand dollars is also appropriated for the maintenance thereof for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers to draw a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and five thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] Commandent of the Soldiers' Home shall have direct control and supervision of the Home herein created, and the officers of the Soldiers' Home shall also be the official officers thereof.

Sec. 5. Any moneys, which may be paid to the said board of managers from subscriptions, donations, or any source whatever of like private beneficence, should there be a surplus at the annual meeting at the end of the year, shall be covered into the State treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

Sec. 6. The board of managers shall elect out of their own body a chairman, secretary and treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 7. All supplies for said institution shall be purchased and furnished under the direction of the Commandant of the Soldiers' Home, as may be prescribed by the board of managers.

Sec. 8. The conditions as to eligibility shall be the same as prescribed for the admission into the Soldiers' Home of the soldiers, sailors and marines, under act one hundred and fifty-two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, viz.: The husband or father must have served in a Michigan regiment, been accredited to the State of Michigan or have been a resident of this State one year previous to the passage of this act.

Sec. 9. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be assessed, levied and collected according to law, which sums, when collected, shall be passed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse it for the advances made under the provisions of this bill.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 2, 1893.

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS, ETC.

[Act No. 170, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to authorize the burial of the body of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor, or marine in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray his funeral expenses.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated by law for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be, in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclu-

sively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having at any time served in the army or navy of the United States, who shall hereafter die, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person as appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors, and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case, that the family of such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, if he had any at the time of his decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable, for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, to be buried as provided in section one of this act, and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which he belonged as such soldier, sailor or marine, the date of his death, place where buried and his occupation while living; also an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors, upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book, kept for that purpose, all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine. It shall also be the duty of said clerk, upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine, to make application to the proper authorities under the Government of the United States, for a suitable headstone, as provided by act of Congress, and to

cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave.

Sec. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial, as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 10, 1885.

[Act No. 33. Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase lots in any cemetery or burial place for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be lawful for the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase one or more lots in any cemetery or burial place, for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army of the United States in the late war of the Rebellion.

Sec. 2. The title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall be vested in such county or in such incorporated Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the board of supervisors may designate, such title to be held by such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall revert to the county when such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic shall cease to be a legal corporation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 17, 1887.

[Act No. 130. Session Laws 1889, p. 150.]

AN ACT to provide for the joint erection of soldiers' monumental buildings by townships, incorporated villages and cities, and to permit the same to unite with any Grand Army Post in the erection of such buildings.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That whenever any township, incorporated village or city, or county, in which a soldiers' monumental building

is proposed to be erected or any Post or Place of the Department of Michigan, or the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, shall have the same with such Post or Department in the erection of such building for township, village or city purposes, such township, village or city shall have the right to aid and assist in the construction and building of the same to the same extent as though such building buildings were to be erected solely for such township, village and city or county purposes, and such township, village, city or county shall have power and they are hereby authorized to contract with any such Post or Department, wherever the same shall have been incorporated, and they are to observe the proportions that said township, village, city or county shall pay towards the construction of said building, the architecture and arrangements of the same, and the separate portions respectively, which shall be assumed to used by the respective parties to such contract.

Sec. 2. And for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, the said township, village, city or county is authorized to appoint or its township board, village trustees, or common council of any such city or board of supervisors of any such county, a board of three trustees, who shall constitute the building committee, to be from a said township, village, city or county, under the supervision of the township board, village trustees, or common council, or board of supervisors, appointing them, and who shall have power under such supervision to make the contracts heretofore specified, and to cause on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall make and sign all contracts on behalf of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or counties, in making the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of common buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and shall be considered of the said township, village, city or county, the dedication of such building to the Post or County shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the rebellion, and all books, documents, records, papers and all other things relating to such

cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave.

Sec. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial, as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

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is proposed to be erected by any Post or Posts, or the Department of Michigan, of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, shall desire to unite with such Post or Department in the erection of such building for township, village or city purposes, such township, village or city, shall have the right to aid and assist in the construction and building of the same to the same extent as though such [building] buildings were to be used solely for such township, village and city or county purposes, and such township, village, city or county shall have power, and they are hereby authorized to contract with any such Post or Department, whenever the same shall have been incorporated, and thereby determine the proportions that said township, village, city or county shall pay towards the construction of said building, the architecture and arrangements of the same, and the separate portions respectively which shall be occupied or used by the respective parties to such contract.

Sec. 2. And for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, the said township, village, city or county is authorized to appoint by its township board, village trustees, or common council of any such city, or board of supervisors of any such county, a board of three trustees, who shall constitute the building committee in behalf of said township, village, city or county, under the supervision of the township board, village trustees, or common council, or board of supervisors appointing them, and who shall have power under such supervision to make the contracts hereinbefore specified, and oversee, on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall audit and sign all vouchers on account of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or county so uniting in the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of municipal buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and remain the property of the said municipal corporation after the dissolution of such Grand Army Post, but it shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and all relics, documents, books, papers and library belonging to such

defunct Post, or which may be deposited afterwards for such purpose, shall be cared for therein by proper supervision, by the public authorities, in a proper room or rooms kept for that purpose, and which shall at all reasonable times be kept open and free to the public: Provided, That in case any surviving organization of the descendants of such soldiers become and remain an incorporated body, as such incorporated organization may, at its option, and said town, village, city or county is hereby authorized and required, if so desired, to permit the said incorporated organization to maintain, so far as possible, the same relations to the said municipal corporations in said buildings, in substantially the same manner and to the same extent, during the life of said corporation or that of any corporation formed as its successor, having the same ends in view as the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic might or could do: And provided further, That the amount of money contributed by said Post or Department to the construction of said building, in case the same, upon the dissolution of such Post or Department, shall be and remain so long as may be necessary a perpetual fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial building.

Approved June 7, 1889.

ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN MICHIGAN SOLDIERS.

[Act No. 203, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to provide that certain Michigan men who served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, shall be enrolled in this State, with the same rights and benefits of volunteers who served in Michigan regiments.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That all persons that during the late war of the Rebellion have served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were citizens of and had lost their legal residence in this State, and who were duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the United States service, and who were never credited to this or to any other

State, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, filed with the Adjutant General, be considered as having enlisted from this State, and shall have their names enrolled upon the books and records of that office, and be credited to the several localities and districts of this State, for the period they actually served, as the proofs in each case shall warrant.

Sec. 2. Upon such enrollment such persons shall be recognized by this State as Michigan soldiers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits now or hereafter extended to volunteers who were enrolled and rendered similar service during said late war in regiments organized in this State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1885.

PAYMENT OF STATE BOUNTIES.

[Act No. 157, Session Laws 1885, p. 212.]

AN ACT to provide for the adjudication and payment of certain claims for State bounties due to Michigan soldiers, and supposed to have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors be and is hereby authorized and instructed to examine into and determine the rights of certain claimants to State bounties, which bounties, it is alleged, have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and to adjudicate and determine upon all questions of fraud in relation to such bounties.

Sec. 2. For the purposes herein provided, said board is hereby directed to hold its sessions at the capitol at Lansing, at such times, and as often as shall be necessary to transact and complete the business of adjudicating such claims. Said board is further authorized and directed to establish such methods of adjudication, and prescribe such mode of proof as shall seem to them most conducive to the object intended to be accomplished by this act, and as shall be the least expensive to such

claimants. They shall have further power in all cases where it may seem to them to be necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to call for papers and enforce the production thereof. They may also prescribe and provide suitable blanks, and do any and all things necessary and lawful for the prompt and faithful execution of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of this act, it shall not be deemed necessary in establishing a claim, for the soldier, or his widow or children, having a claim under the provisions of act number twenty-seven of the session laws of 1865, approved February 4, 1865, and being compiler's section 937 of the compiled laws of 1871, to comply with the technical requirements contained in the last three subdivisions of section one of said act, nor shall it be necessary to make any technical proof of a similiar nature to that contained in the aforementioned provisos of said act number twenty-seven, but it shall be made to appear in all cases that the soldier enlisted and was mustered into the service of some regiment or other military organization of this State, and was credited to this State or to some military subdistrict therein: Provided, That no payment shall be made upon any assignment of such claim, nor to any person except to such identical soldier, or in case of his death, then to his widow or children, or their legal representatives: Provided, further, That the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to any claim by such soldier, or his widow, children or legal representatives.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon such examination that "the bounty due" said soldier, so enlisted and mustered, has been paid to any other person, upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and that his bounty is still justly due him, the said board shall audit the claim, and issue a certificate showing the fact and directing the amount found to be due to be paid to such soldier or his heirs, and upon such certificate the Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State of Michigan for the amount found due by said board as shown by such certificate, and the Treasurer shall pay the same out of any money appropriated for that purpose, or any money not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 9, 1885.

[Act No. 138, Session Laws 1891, p. 171.]

AN ACT providing for the payment by the State of bounties offered to soldiers and sailors under the call of the President of the United States of February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and remaining due to them and their heirs.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be paid to each enlisted man who enlisted and was mustered into the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the Rebellion, under the call of the President of the United States bearing date February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and who served in a Michigan regiment, company or battery, or who served in any organization from any other state, and who was credited to this State, or to any county, township, city or village, or military subdistrict therein, under offers of bounties made by virtue of acts passed by the Legislature of Michigan, such sum or sums as may remain due to such soldier or sailor under said offer of bounties, and in case of his death, then to his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, then to the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, or in case neither widow nor child survive him, then to his father or mother in the order named.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, upon application being made to them by any such soldier or sailor, or his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, his father or mother, as aforesaid, for the payment of such bounty, to ascertain upon proper and sufficient proofs, to be made in such manner and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors:

First, Whether the applicant is a soldier or sailor, or the legal representative of a soldier or sailor, who is entitled to the bounty under the provisions of this act;

Second, The amount of bounty, if any, heretofore paid to such soldier or sailor by this State.

Sec. 3. If it shall appear that said applicant is entitled to the sum claimed or any part thereof, they, the said Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, shall

make the necessary certificate showing the amount so due, which certificate together with the proofs and copies of the records relating thereto shall be forwarded to the Board of State Auditors. The Board of State Auditors shall thereupon examine and review such proof, and if found correct draw their warrant upon the State treasury for the amount so due, and the amount of said warrant (together with the date of its drawing, shall be communicated to the person entitled to receive the same, together with a voucher to be executed by the recipient of said bounty and returned to the Auditor General, according to certain rules to be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors, and thereupon said warrant shall be forwarded to the person so entitled to said bounty, and when properly endorsed and presented in due form to the State Treasurer, shall be paid out of any moneys in the State treasury for that purpose appropriated, and in case there shall not be sufficient money in the State treasury applicable to such purpose, such warrant shall remain as an obligation against the State until paid, and a sum of money not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of said bounties.

Sec. 4. All applications for bounties, now on file in the office of the Board of State Auditors, shall be transferred to the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, and considered by them as original applications.

Sec. 5. It shall not be necessary to employ any agent or attorney for the prosecution or collection of said claims for bounties; but they shall be settled and adjusted directly by the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and Board of State Auditors, without cost to said applicant, and the checks drawn in payment of these bounties shall be mailed directly to the claimant, or the money paid to the claimant, and it shall not be lawful to pay any moneys to third parties except after the transfer of said checks by indorsement of the soldier or claimant in whose favor the same was drawn.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1891.

INCORPORATION OF G. A. R.

[Act 37, Session Laws 1883, amended Act 84, 1889, p. 87.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the officers above mentioned and their places of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which the association shall be known in law;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed thirty years.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and thereupon the persons who shall sign such articles of association, their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in law capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy to them and their successors estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal which may be altered or changed at pleasure, but said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant, or bequest from the specific purpose or purposes designated by the donor or donors. It shall also have

the power to act as trustee under any gift or bequest for any specified purpose within those named by its rules and regulations, or the spirit thereof, and may administer such trust by such officers and in such manner as is in accordance with such rules and regulations of the order and with the specified instructions of the donor or donors, and such trust when so created shall not be invalid for want of the names of specific beneficiaries to be benefited thereby. And in case the charter of any such Post or Department should be taken away or surrendered, or whenever such Post or Department shall become defunct as a corporation and incapable of carrying out the provisions of any such trust as trustee thereof, the same shall be turned over to and received by a commission, or board of trustees, of not more than three persons in number, which said board of trustees shall be appointed by the circuit court of the county in which said Post was organized, or if said property be real estate, in which said real estate is situated, which said board of trustees shall continue to administer said trust fund in accordance with the provisions and the spirit of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the conditions expressed in said trust, and they shall account to and be governed in the management thereof by said court, and may be required to give the same bonds as receiver appointed under the general powers of the court: Provided, That the value of the real estate and personal estate owned in fee by said Post or Department, shall not exceed the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise and dispose of such real and personal estate or any part thereof to be disposed of, together with the proceeds, rent and income, as directed by such corporation under its rules and regulations. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules and by-laws for regulating and governing all of its affairs and business not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sec. 4. A copy of the records of such articles of association under the seal of the State, duly certified by the Secretary of State, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this State, and from time to time issue such orders for the government of Posts as are not repugnant to the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States.

Sec. 6. At any time when a subordinate Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Post, resolve to become incorporated, the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant of such Post may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in section two of this act, and file a copy of the resolutions passed at a regular meeting of the Post, with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts in this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more

than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation: And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purposes of a cemetery, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots therein and the burial of the dead: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to [affect] effect any municipal regulation in regard to cemeteries: And provided further, That any such corporation may join with any public corporation in the creation of such cemetery, or division of any existing cemetery, but in case of such joint agreement, such cemetery, after the dissolution of the said corporation, shall revert to and become the property of, or subject to the control of, any such public corporation, to be maintained by it in perpetuity as a distinct Grand Army division of such cemetery.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

LEASE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO G. A. R. POSTS.

[Act No. 79, Session Laws 1889, p. 84.]

AN ACT to authorize the leasing of public buildings and parts thereof in this State to Grand Army Posts at a nominal rent.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, Any county, city, town, village or school district in the State of Michigan is hereby authorized to lease for any period not exceeding five years each to any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic established in any such county, city, town, village or school district, to be used by such Post, any public building or any part thereof, belonging to any such county, city, town, village or school district, except school houses in actual use as such, at a nominal rent to be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county, the board of aldermen of such city, the township board, the board of trustees of such village, or the school board or boards of education of said district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

TO PREVENT ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE BADGE.

[Act No. 78, Session Laws 1887.]

AN ACT to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or the badge of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, that any person that shall wilfully wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the badge of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use or wear the same to obtain aid or assistance thereby within this State, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same under the rules and regulations of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Michigan commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished

by imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days in the county jail, or a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 19, 1887.

PROPERTY OF POSTS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

[Act No. 25, Session Laws 1895, p. 107.]

Sec. 3. The following personal property shall be exempt from taxation:

Third, Of all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Union Veterans' Unions and of the Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith.

STATE ARMS FOR SONS OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 141, Session Laws 1885, p. 158.]

AN ACT to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organizations known as the Sons of Veterans.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Quartermaster General of this State be and is hereby authorized to furnish each of the organizations known as the "Sons of Veterans," in this State, with four of the condemned muskets belonging to the State. Said muskets are to be used by said [organization] organizations until such time as the [organizations] organization shall be disbanded, and upon such disbanding they shall be returned to the State.

Sec. 2. In order to insure a prompt return to the State of such arms upon the disbanding of such several organizations, the Quartermaster General shall in each case require of such organization a good and sufficient bond in such amount and with such sureties as he shall ap-

prove, conditioned for the prompt return of said arms as aforesaid.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

RELIEF COMMISSION.

[Act No. 253, Session Laws 1895, p. 548.]

AN ACT to amend sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to add two new sections thereto to stand as sections five and six of said act.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to levy, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable property of each township and city for their respective counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Such sums when collected shall be paid to the county treasurer of each of the counties of this State, to be paid out by him upon the orders of the commission hereinafter provided,

duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof: Provided, however, That in case any part of such fund shall not be necessary for the purpose for which it was raised the same shall remain in the treasury of such county as the soldiers' relief fund, and shall be considered in raising future sums therefor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judge of the court of probate in each county, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be known as the soldiers' relief commission of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons is appointed, his successor shall be appointed for the term of three years thereafter. The persons so appointed shall organize by the selection of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. They shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the court and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the boards of supervisors of their respective counties.

Sec. 3. The supervisors of each township and ward in each of the counties of this State, and where there are no ward supervisors, then the aldermen of the several wards of any incorporated city in this State, shall on or before the first day in May of each year make and place in the hands of the soldiers' relief commission a list of all the persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, and the soldiers' relief commission, on the second Monday of May in each year, shall proceed to determine the amount necessary for aid and relief to be granted such persons under this act, which shall be then and there fixed and recorded in the books to be kept by the secretary of said soldiers' relief commission. The commission may determine not only the sum to be paid, but the manner of paying the same, and may discontinue pay-

ment of such relief in their discretion, and there shall be no appeal from their decisions.

Sec. 4. Whenever any emergency shall arise in case of sickness, accident or death, which in the opinion of any supervisor or alderman needs relief, such supervisor or alderman, where inconvenient to consult any of the commission, shall have power to draw an order on the county treasurer for a sum not to exceed ten dollars, and shall certify his action and the circumstances of the case to such soldiers' relief commission, which shall ratify the same, and such commission may grant such further relief at any time as they may deem necessary: Provided, however, That no claim for relief shall be allowed which shall create a deficiency in the fund.

Sec. 2. That two new sections shall be added to said act to stand as sections five and six of said act, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Said soldiers' relief commission shall make to the board of supervisors, at its October session in each year, a full report of its doings, the amount of relief fund on hand, the amount expended during the year preceding, and the amount estimated for the year ensuing, and such further information and suggestions as they may consider necessary in the discharge of their duties under this act.

Sec. 6. In cases where moneys have heretofore been raised by any city or township under the provisions of the act hereby amended, the balance of moneys unexpended on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, may, by a vote of the common council or township board, be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of such city or township, as the case may be, and thereafter no such tax shall be levied except as provided in this act.

Approved June 1, 1895.

FLAGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

[Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, p. 153.]

AN ACT to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of a size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet, and made of good flag bunting "A," flag staff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near the public school building during school hours, and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper; and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred herein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are assessed and collected by law.

Approved April 4, 1895.

STATUE OF GOV. AUSTIN BLAIR.

[Session Laws 1895, p. 600.]

No. 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for placing a statue of Michigan's War Governor, Austin Blair, on the east side of the capitol building on the State House grounds, in the city of Lansing, Michigan.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of securing and causing to be erected on the grounds belonging to the State of Michigan, adjacent to and on the east side of the capitol building, in the city of Lansing, a statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair.

And further resolved, That there shall be appointed by the Governor three commissioners, of whom two at least shall have been soldiers of the Union army of eighteen hundred sixty-one, eighteen sixty-five, whose duty it shall be to procure such statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair, and cause the same to be placed upon the grounds adjacent to the capitol building, and on the east side of said building, in the city of Lansing. The commissioners so appointed shall serve without charge for their services, or cost to the State: Provided, That such necessary expenses as may be incurred by the commission for postage, stationery, travel and expenses essential thereto, while carrying out the object of this resolution, shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission, or any member thereof, sworn to before some officer competent to take such acknowledgment, when audited by the Board of State Auditors: Provided, That the said ten thousand dollars shall be added to and incorporated in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six by the Auditor General, and shall be assessed, levied and collected and credited to the general fund to reimburse it for the sum hereby appropriated, but said ten thousand dollars shall not be drawn from the treasury before April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

This joint resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1895.

RECOMPILATION OF SOLDIER RECORDS.

[Act No. 30, Session Laws 1895, p. 117.]

AN ACT to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history, and final disposition of the soldiers or sailors from this State during the war of the rebellion, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Adjutant General is hereby authorized and di-

rected to provide suitable books and to recompile and copy from papers now on file in his office, or from such other official papers as he may obtain, the military or naval history of each and every soldier or sailor, who enlisted from or was credited to this State during the war of the rebellion. Such history shall show, as far as may be possible, the name, age, date of enlistment, military or naval history and final disposition of each such soldier or sailor.

Sec. 2. The sum of eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the State treasury to the credit of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in this act. The Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer upon the certificate of the Adjutant General not to exceed the sum above mentioned, as the same may be required to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five the sum of four thousand dollars, and a like sum for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, to be assessed, levied and collected as other State taxes are assessed, levied and collected, which sums, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse it for the sum appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 22, 1895.

LOCATING MICHIGAN REGIMENTS ON BATTLE FIELDS.

[Act No. 55, Session Laws 1893, p. 57.]

AN ACT to provide for a commission to locate and mark the positions and places occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries who fought upon the battle fields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Mission Ridge, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby empowered to appoint a commission of five persons, all of

whom participated in the said battles of Chickamauga or Chattanooga, who shall serve without pay, and whose duty it shall be to coöperate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent organization from this State engaged in such battles and during such engagements, and to further this purpose the commissioners are authorized, and empowered to avail themselves of the knowledge and assistance of representatives of such regiments, batteries and other organizations as were engaged in such actions and battles, who shall also serve without pay, except for necessary and actual expenses while engaged in their work.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of meeting and defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of this commission a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor General, upon the requisition of said commission: Provided, Said commission shall furnish to the Auditor General a detailed statement of their expenses for traveling, clerk hire, assisting in locating, placing and procuring the marks and tablets necessary for performing and completing their duties as such commissioners, and for payment of expenses of representatives of the regiment's batteries and other organizations as hereinbefore provided upon filing of itemized statement of such actual and necessary expenses. The commission shall also make out and file with the Governor, upon the fulfillment of their duties, an abstract of all expenditures and all acts done or recommendations made by them, with the information gathered from their observation, and pertinent in its relation thereto, as the commission may think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three the sum of two thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 4, 1893.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1895, p. 72.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for marking by monuments the places occupied by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Regiments of Infantry; the Second and Fourth Regiments of Cavalry, Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery, and the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, who participated in the campaigns and battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, within the National Military Park of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and providing for the erection of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting monuments to mark the places occupied on the battle fields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second Regiments of Michigan Infantry; the Second and Fourth Michigan Cavalry, the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park Commission, created by act number fifty-five, public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Sec. 2. The said commission shall at once, after the passage of this act, proceed to carry the same into effect. They shall determine the design and number of monuments to be erected as contemplated in this act with all convenient speed. The actual expenses of said commission shall be paid out of the fund hereby appropriated, and they shall report to the Governor of the State of Michigan immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties in detail, making an abstract of expenditures with vouchers thereto, with all acts done or made by them, together with information as gathered from their observation and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the [commission] commissioner shall think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thou-

sand eight hundred ninety-five, the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum when collected shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section one of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 26, 1895.

PERMANENT G. A R. HEADQUARTERS.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1897.]

AN ACT to provide permanent Headquarters in the Capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used and to provide for an annual report by the Commander.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room at the Capitol in Lansing, to be known as Headquarters room of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the Capitol. The room shall be under the charge of the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Michigan, and such officer or officers of the Grand Army of the Republic as he or his successors in office may appoint, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing its supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and conducting the general office business of the Department as directed by the Commander. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the Commander of the Department or his authorized assistant, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information.

Sec. 2. The Commander of the Department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the Governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of

interest to that organization and the people of the State. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature and State officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the Commander of the Department for distribution among the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 11, 1897.

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